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THE
FIFTY-SECOND REPORT
OF THE
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HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY
PRESENTED BY THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AT THE
ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 8, 1878:
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THE HOME MISSIONARY.

This Monthly is furnished at sixty cents a year, postage paid. The subscription price could not well be less. Its whole present issue should go to actual subscribers. But, unless they prefer to pay, it will be sent *free*, as heretofore, to Life Directors and Life Members; Missionaries of the Society and its Auxiliaries; Ministers securing a yearly collection for it in their congregations; also, to every individual, Association, or Congregation, *one copy for every ten dollars* collected and paid over to the Society or an Auxiliary. Suitable names should accompany the payment. Pastors are earnestly requested to serve Home Missions by promoting the use of this Journal at the Monthly Concert and among their people.

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APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

Congregations desiring aid should apply *at once* after finding a minister. They should make a full statement of the facts in their condition and prospects which justify an application. They should also give these particulars, viz. :—

- Population of the place.
- Names of the church or churches, and preaching stations.
- Number of communicants.
- Average number of attendants on public worship.
- Denomination and size of contiguous congregations.
- Names and distances of the nearest Congregational churches.
- Minister's full name and post-office address: Town, County, State.
- Whether he resides on his field of labor.
- Whether he has any other calling than that of the ministry.
- Whether he is now, or is expected to become the pastor of the church.
- Of what Ministerial Association is he a member?
- The number of persons composing his family.
- Total amount of salary proposed.
- Amount pledged by the people, and how secured.
- Whether the minister has, also, the use of a parsonage.
- Whether aid is expected from any other source.
- The least amount that will suffice from this Society.
- The amount received from this Society last year.
- Whether a less amount will probably be needed next year.
- Amount contributed to this Society last year.
- Date of the desired commission.

The application must be signed by the officers of the church, where there is one, and by the trustees or a committee of the congregation.

If the ecclesiastical body, within whose limits the congregation is found, has a "Committee of Missions," the members of that committee should certify these statements, the standing of the minister, his prospects of usefulness there, and indorse the application. If no such "Committee of Missions" exists, the application should be indorsed by two or more neighboring clergymen, acquainted with the facts. If no church or congregation is yet gathered, applicants will follow the same course, as far as practicable.

Applications, after being so indorsed, should be sent to the Superintendent (or Secretary of the Auxiliary) for the region where the applicants reside.

Appropriations, as a rule, bear the date of a *punctual* application; and they never cover more than one year. If further aid be needed a new application is required, containing all the particulars named above, and indorsed as before. *To this the certificate of the missionary, that the congregation has fulfilled its previous pledges for his support, must be added.*

For the address of Superintendents and Secretaries of Auxiliaries, see p. 4 of cover.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of _____ dollars, *in trust*, to pay over the same in _____ after my decease, to the person who, when the same is payable, shall act as Treasurer of the American Home Missionary Society, formed in the City of New York, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-six, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society, and under its direction.

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FIFTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

PUBLIC services were held on Sabbath evening, May 5th, 1878, in the Broadway Tabernacle Church, New York.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D.D., Pastor of the church. An abstract of the Report of the Society's work for the year was presented by Rev. DAVID B. COE, D.D., one of the Secretaries.

A sermon was preached by Rev. AARON L. CHAPIN, D.D., President of Beloit College, Wis., from Psalm cxxvi.

The Society held its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 8th, at four o'clock P.M., at the Bible House, in New York.

SAMUEL HOLMES, Esq., of Montclair, N. J., a Vice-President of the Society, occupied the chair in the absence of President WOOLSEY, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. WILLIAM BARROWS, D.D., of Boston, Mass.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Rev. ALEX. H. CLAPP, D.D., the Treasurer of the Society.

An Abstract of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee was presented by the Secretaries.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Reports now presented be accepted, and published under the direction of the Executive Committee.

On the Report of a Committee of Nomination, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, and after prayer by Rev. EDWIN JOHNSON, of New York, the Society adjourned.

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MEETING OF THE BOARD.

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, May 8th, at the Bible House, in New York, and appointed the members who, in connection with the officers designated by the Constitution, compose the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mr. JOHN B. HUTCHINSON, *Chairman.*

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Mr. WILLIAM HENRY SMITH, *Recording Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be denominated THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send the gospel to the destitute within the United States.

ART. 3. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, one or more Secretaries for Correspondence, a Recording Secretary, and fifty Directors, who shall be annually appointed by the Society; and who, together with the Directors for Life, shall constitute a Board, seven of whom shall be a quorum, at any meeting regularly convened.

ART. 4. The officers and Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of fourteen (including the Treasurer, the Secretaries for Correspondence, and the Recording Secretary), residing in the City of New York and its vicinity; five of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. The Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies in its own number which may occur during the year, and to convene special meetings of the Board or Society; shall appoint missionaries, and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labors; shall have the disposal of the funds; shall create such agency or agencies for appointing missionaries, and for other purposes, as the interests of the Institution may require; and shall make an Annual Report of their proceedings to the Society.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall give bonds, annually, to such amount as the Executive Committee shall think proper.

ART. 6. Any person may become a member of this Society, by contributing annually to its funds; thirty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a Member for Life; and one hundred dollars paid at one time shall constitute a Director for Life; and any person on the payment of a sum which, in addition to any previous contribution to the funds, shall amount to one hundred dollars, shall be a Director for Life. An executor, on paying a legacy of two hundred and fifty dollars to the funds of this Society, shall be a Member for Life; and the payment of a legacy of one thousand dollars shall constitute a Director for Life.

ART. 7. Any Missionary Society may become Auxiliary, by agreeing to pay into the Treasury of this Society the whole of its surplus funds, and sending to the Secretaries for Correspondence a copy of its Constitution and Annual Reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries, and the fields of their operations.

ART. 8. Every Auxiliary Society which shall agree to pay the whole of its funds to this Society, shall be entitled to a missionary or missionaries to labor in

such fields as it may designate; at least to the amount of its contributions, provided such designation be made at the time of payment.

ART. 9. The officers of all Auxiliary Societies shall be, ex-officio, Directors; and annual contributors to their funds shall be members of this Society.

ART. 10. This Society shall meet annually in the City of New York, on the Wednesday next preceding the second Thursday in May.

ART. 11. No alteration shall be made in this Constitution without a vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting; nor unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Committee.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Theodore D. Woolsey, William G. Lambert, Christopher R. Robert, Simeon B. Chittenden, Richard S. Storrs, Jr., William I. Budington, Calvin C. Woolworth, Charles Abernethy, John B. Hutchinson, Henry M. Storrs, William Henry Smith, Milton Badger, David B. Coe, A. Huntington Clapp, Austin Abbott, and George S. Coe, and all such persons as are now, or hereafter may become members of The American Home Missionary Society, formed in the City of New York in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of "The American Home Missionary Society," for the purpose of assisting feeble congregations, and of sending the gospel and the means of Christian education to the destitute within the United States.

SEC. 2. Said Corporation shall be capable of taking and holding, by purchase, gift, grant, devise, or bequest, subject to the provisions of the law relating to devises and bequests by last will and testament, real and personal property, and of granting or otherwise disposing of the same, for said purposes.

SEC. 3. The net annual income of the Society, arising from their real estate, shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. This Corporation shall possess the powers and be subject to the provisions of title three of chapter eighteen of part one of the Revised Statutes, as amended, so far as the same are applicable.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect immediately.

FIFTY-SECOND REPORT.

SINCE the last anniversary three of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, Rev. ASA D. SMITH, D.D., LL.D., Rev. SETH SWEETSER, D.D., CHARLES ABERNETHY, Esq., and one of its Directors, Rev. EDWIN HALL, D.D., have been removed by death.

Dr. Smith has been among the most valued friends and counselors of the Society during a period of more than forty years. He commenced his ministry in 1834, in the city of New York, where he became pastor of the Brainerd Presbyterian Church, then just organized. Under his training it became distinguished for its liberality towards this and kindred institutions of benevolence, and his own personal labors were freely given to advance their interests. He was a member of the Executive Committee of this Society for eleven years, was seldom absent from its meetings, and was ever prompt and cheerful in the discharge of the duties devolved upon him. He was chosen a member of the Board of Directors in 1842, and a Vice-President in 1864, and continued in the latter office till his decease. He was, also, during the last-named period, President of the New Hampshire Missionary Society. Not only in these official relations and as a pastor, but afterwards as President of Dartmouth College, he exerted a wide and powerful influence in behalf of Home Missions, and this Society is largely indebted to him for his official services, his able vindication of its principles, and his eloquent advocacy of its claims.

Dr. Sweetser was chosen one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society in 1864. As the honored pastor of the Central Church of Worcester, Mass., for forty years, he exerted a commanding influence in behalf of the great benevolent enterprises of the day; and none of them held a higher place in his esteem or received his more enthusiastic support, by voice and pen, than Home Missions. With profound sorrow we transfer his name from the roll of the Society's officers to that of the departed.

Mr. Abernethy was elected a Vice-President of the Society in 1874, but for many years previous to that time he had taken a deep interest in its work and had been a liberal contributor to its funds. During six of the later years of his life he was a member of the Executive Committee, cheerfully giving his time and attention to the exacting duties which this office imposes, and his surviving associates take pleasure in recording their high appreciation of his judicious counsels and valuable services in the relations which he sustained to this and kindred objects of Christian benevolence.

Dr. Hall has been a member of the Board of Directors for thirty-three years. At the time of his election he was pastor of the Congregational Church in Norwalk, Conn., and was esteemed one of the ablest and most useful ministers in that State. He was subsequently elected Professor of Christian Theology in Auburn Theological Seminary, and from that time seldom participated in the counsels of this Society. But his interest in its work continued unabated till his death; and many young men, trained under his teachings and imbued with his spirit, have gone forth as heralds of the gospel on the advancing frontier.

Four missionaries have been removed by death since the last anniversary: REV. ERASTUS B. CLAGGETT in Connecticut; REV. JOHN H. BECKWITH, in New York; REV. JAMES L. CRANE, in Michigan; and REV. JOHN N. POWELL, in Minnesota.

The operations of the Society in the different States and Territories of the Union, and in connection with its various Auxiliaries, are noticed under their appropriate heads in the body of the Report. Such details as can be presented in a compact form are embraced in the following

GENERAL TABLE,

showing, in parallel columns—

1. An alphabetical list of missionaries.
2. The names of congregations and missionary districts aided.
3. Dates of last commissions.
4. Length of commissions in months.
5. Amount of aid pledged, for the time named in the preceding column.
6. Months of labor performed since the last Report.
7. Number of church-members.
8. Number of hopeful conversions.
9. Additions to the churches on examination.
10. Additions to the churches by letter.
11. Number of Sabbath-school and Bible-class pupils.
12. Amount of contributions to benevolent objects.
13. Other particulars.

EXPLANATION.

In this table, the following abbreviations, appended to the names of missionaries in the first column, designate the Auxiliary Societies by whose funds the congregations and missionary stations below which they are placed have been aided, viz.:

- M. M. S., Maine Missionary Society.
- N. H. M. S., New Hampshire Missionary Society.
- V. D. M. S., Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.
- Mass. H. M. S., Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.
- C. H. M. S., Connecticut Home Missionary Society.
- R. I. H. M. S., Rhode Island Home Missionary Society.
- O. H. M. S., Ohio Home Missionary Society.

The names of missionaries who were not in commission last year are printed in italics.

Missionaries.	Congregations and Missionary Districts.	Dates of Commissions.	Length of Com.	Dollars of Aid Pledged.	Months of Labor Performed.	No. of Church Members.	Hopeful Conversions.	Added to Church.		No. of Sabbath-school Scholars.	Contributions to Benev. Objects.	Other Particulars.
Rev. Amos Abbott. Do.	Alexandria, Neb. Fairfield and Spring Ranch, Neb.	Jan. 23, 1877 Oct. 1, 1877	12 12	500 250	6 6	50 25	.. ..	On Exam.	By Letter.	116 25	.... 23 40	Preaches in the vicinity. Encouraged.
Rev. Edward F. Abbott. v. D. M. S.	South Wardsboro, Vt.	May 9, 1877	12	200	12	56	4	6	..	50	23 35	Extra meetings; good results; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. Allison D. Adams. Rev. Calvin C. Adams	Sion's Falls, Dak. Montour, Iowa.	Oct. 22, 1877 June 15, 1877	12 12	350 100	12 9	34 57	1 5	..	2	83 83	47 76	Extra meetings; good results; meeting-house repaired. Preached at Williams, Excelsior and New Salem; left Oct. 15, 1877.
Rev. Charles J. Adams.	Winfield, Kan.	June 1, 1877	12	450	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. George C. Adams. Rev. Harvey Adams. Rev. Joseph Adams. Do.	Fredonia, Kan. Hillsboro, Ill. Bowen's Prairie, Iowa. Corry, Pa.	Jan. 23, 1878 July 25, 1876 Feb. 1, 1878 July 1, 1876	12 12 12 3	300 200 150 300	2 2 12 8	3 41 6 5	.. .. .. ..	..	..	58 75 18 50	44 40 5 00 47 55	Increased influence; church edifice repaired. Preached at Carter Hill and Columbus; left. Three Sabbath-schools organized; six out-stations. Ingathering; four out-stations.
Rev. William Adams. Rev. Joseph G. Aikman. O. H. M. S.	Brown, Mich. Utica and Lock, Ohio. Charlestown, N. H.	Aug. 1, 1877 May 1, 1877 Oct. 1, 1876	12 12 12	100 75 200	9 11 6	51 ..	68 ..	46 ..	4 2	48 50	47 55	..
Rev. E. J. Alden. N. H. M. S.	Charlestown, N. H.	Oct. 1, 1876	12	200	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. James Alderson. Rev. Ira B. Allen. Rev. Frederick Alley.	Sabula and Sterling, Iowa. Columbus, N. Y. Wilber and Dorchester, Neb.	Oct. 1, 1877 May 20, 1877 Oct. 1, 1877	12 4 12	150 68 40	12 4 12	43 31 4	.. .. 4	..	..	35 120	90 00 30 00	Out-station. Closed labor. Two Sabbath-schools organized; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. Moses Alley. Rev. Augustus Alvord. MASS. H. M. S.	Waupaca, Wis. Granville (West), Mass.	Aug. 13, 1877 May 1, 1877	6 12	125 100	10 11	42 ..	1 ..	1	3	85	15 00	..
Rev. Benjamin M. Amsten. Rev. Silas H. Amsten. MASS. H. M. S.	Strawberry Point, Iowa. New Salem, Mass.	Dec. 1, 1877 Mar. 1, 1877	12 12	100 150	4 12	45 57	1 ..	3	7	80 75	6 00 12 60	Preaches at Edgewood. Increasing religious interest; preaches at out-stations.
Rev. David R. Anderson. Rev. Elzour Andrus. Do.	Oak Creek, Wis.; preaches at Burdick. Angola, Ind. Vicksburg, Mich.	Sept. 1, 1877 May 15, 1876 May 15, 1877	12 12 12	200 200 275	12 12 10	32 46 104	40 12 ..	..	3 13	110 101	10 00 15 75	Interesting revival; meeting-house repaired. Preaches at Fremont. Sabbath-school organized; one out-station; chapel repaired.
Rev. Rufus Apthorp. Do. Rev. Marmaduke D. Archer.	Lanark, Ill. Big Rock, Iowa. Genoa Bluffs, Iowa.	Apr. 20, 1876 May 1, 1877 Apr. 1, 1877	12 12 12	300 150 200	1 11 12	72 11 39 3	1	..	60 80	72 25 33 60	Self-sustaining.

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Rev. Andrew W. Archibald...	Stuart, Iowa.....	Nov. 26, 1877	12	200	4	65	..	5	13	101	32 50	Church edifice repaired.
Rev. Lauren Armsby.....	Council Grove, Kan.....	June 17, 1877	12	300	12	35	..	..	4	83	35 00	Preaches at Hill Spring and Elm Creek.
Rev. Euclid P. Armstrong.....	Bridgewater, Vt.....	May 25, 1877	5	23	5	..	12	..	..	28	....	Good results; Sabbath-school organized.
V. D. M. S.												
Rev. Robert S. Armstrong.....	McPherson, Minn.....	Nov. 1, 1877	12	400	12	21	3	5	4	45	48 33	Steady progress; preaches at County Line, Danville and vicinity.
Rev. Thomas Armstrong.....	Elmore, Ill.; preaches at Dixey.....	Oct. 15, 1877	12	50	54	21	..	1	..	34	....	Sabbath-school organized; church edifice repaired.
Rev. Arthur E. Arnold.....	Le Mars, Iowa.....	Aug. 1, 1877	12	250	12	..	..	..	..	..	....	Preaches in the vicinity.
Rev. Henry T. Arnold.....	Limertek, Me.....	Oct. 1, 1877	9	150	4	..	..	..	..	..	....	Left.
M. M. S.												
Rev. J. Mills Ashley.....	Russell, Kan.....	Mar. 15, 1877	15	600	49	24	..	..	13	125	....	Preached at Hays City; left.
Do.	Ridgeway and Valler Brook, Kan.....	Sep. 15, 1877	12	500	64	24	..	1	..	..	....	Church organized; preaches at Carbondale.
Rev. Walter H. Ashley.....	Linwood and Tiblow, Kan.....	Sep. 1, 1877	12	400	7	49	..	1	..	30	10 00	Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson, D.D.....	General Missionary.....	Sep. 1, 1877	12	1000	12	..	..	..	..	..	....	Preaches at Hillsboro, East Portland, and Dallas.
Rev. William Henry Atkinson.....	Orchard, Iowa; preaches at Lincoln Center.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	Or, Olympia and New Tacoma, Wash. Ter.
Rev. Eugene F. Atwood.....	Arcade, N. Y.....	Sep. 1, 1877	12	200	7	57	1	..	3	80	....	Chapel repaired.
Rev. William F. Avery.....	Lanesboro and Berkshire, Mass.....	Oct. 28, 1876	12	200	7	18	..	..	3	50	32 00	Preaches at Yorkshire.
M. M. S.												
Rev. William E. Bachtell.....	Wythe, Ill.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	150	9	80	4	6	..	34	....	Self-sustaining; preaches at Rockford.
Do.	Viola, Ill.; preaches at Cable station.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	200	3	53	..	..	3	75	3 00	Much promise; church to be organized.
Rev. Amos J. Bailey.....	Hennepin, Ill.....	Jan. 1, 1878	6	62	12	51	..	..	..	..	....	Preaches at Florida.
Rev. John G. Bailey.....	Windsor and Green Ridge, Mo.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	150	12	160	26	29	5	150	48 00	Steady growth.
Rev. Orrin G. Baker.....	Jamaica, Vt.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	200	3	61	..	1	..	50	46 50	Missionary installed.
V. D. M. S.												
Rev. John A. Ball.....	Rio and Wyocena, Wis.....	Oct. 17, 1877	12	300	12	53	4	..	..	115	11 39	Steady sowing; encouraged.
Rev. Walter J. Ballard.....	Black Creek, Oranmel and Belfast, N. Y.....	Nov. 1, 1877	12	200	12	46	3	21	..	135	11 00	Preaches at Swift Hill, New Hudson and Sayres; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. Frederick E. Bangs.....	Farmington, Iowa.....	Sep. 1, 1877	12	275	12	21	2	3	..	104	12 70	Extra meetings sustained.
Rev. Leman N. Barber.....	South Boston and Odessa, Mich.....	Jan. 7, 1877	12	400	6	..	..	..	..	..	....	Two out-stations.
Do.	preaches at out-station.....	Oct. 7, 1877	12	200	6	26	1	..	..	40	5 00	Church edifice erected.
Rev. James Barnett.....	Black Hawk, Iowa.....	Aug. 21, 1876	12	100	44	..	..	..	..	86	36 37	Preaches at Clay and Brighton.
Do.	Grand Haven, Mich.....	Sep. 1, 1877	12	350	7	55	4	2	7	86	..	Sabbath-school organized; church edifice nearly completed.
Rev. Simon Barrows.....	Oscola, Pleasant Prairie & Ulysses, Neb.....	Nov. 1, 1877	3	1124	10	41	5	4	1	75	23 26	Church and Sabbath-school organized; preaches at Stalnakers, Hartys, Suddens and Pleasant View.

Rev. Walter M. Barrows.....	Salt Lake City, Utah.....	June 1, 1877	12	800	12	40	7	7	2	140	160	00		
Rev. Edward O. Bartlett.....	Lynnfield Center and Lynnfield (South), Mass.....	Aug. 1, 1877	12	225	12	70	..	..	..	90	115	09	
Rev. Enock N. Bartlett.....	Colorado Springs, Col.....	Mar. 20, 1878	3	125	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Leavitt Bartlett.....	Olathe, Kan.....	Oct. 11, 1877	12	200	12	83	3	7	8	95	42	00		
Rev. Alanson S. Barton.....	Colchester, Vt.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	150	12	59	..	..	..	75	34	00	
Rev. Edward B. Bassett.....	Shutesbury, Mass.....	Sep. 1, 1877	12	..	7	52	..	..	..	40	10	73	
Rev. Edward D. Bassett.....	Columbus, N. Y.....	Nov. 1, 1876	6	50	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Left the State.
Rev. Henry Bates.....	Plymouth, Neb.; preaches at Craigs.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	450	12	60	1	5	6	95	26	14	Encouraging Sabbath-school work.	
Rev. James A. Bates.....	Wolcott, Vt.....	May 1, 1877	12	250	11	71	5	..	5	90	45	00		
Rev. Thomas Bayne.....	Columbus, Neb.....	Oct. 20, 1877	8	200	12	25	..	..	1	60	71	53	Preaches in the vicinity.
Rev. Samuel J. Beach.....	Corning, Iowa; preaches at Mercer Center.....	Oct. 1, 1877	12	250	12	58	2	1	1	105	65	28	65	Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. Ebenezer Bean.....	Gray, Me.....	July 1, 1877	12	100	12	74	4	..	..	65	48	00	Left.
Rev. William H. Beard.....	South Killingly, Ct.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	350	12	37	..	..	..	33	32	16	
Rev. Josiah Beardisley.....	Sun Prairie, Wis.; preaches at Token Creek, Barrington and Burke.....	Feb. 17, 1877	12	150	10½	48	..	..	..	150	35	30	Young man preparing for the ministry; two Sab- bath-schools organized.
Rev. George A. Beckwith.....	Franconia, N. H.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	150	12	18	12	3	3	60	19	50		
Rev. John H. Beckwith.....	Munnsville, N. Y.; preaches at two out- stations.....	Aug. 1, 1876	12	100	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr. Beckwith died in Nov., 1877.
Rev. A. J. Belknap.....	Rome, Iowa; preaches at Glasgow and Wooster.....	June 1, 1877	12	200	10	46	4	5	1	42	12	65	Two Sabbath-schools organized; meeting-house repaired.	
Rev. Newton H. Bell.....	Schroon Lake, N. Y.....	Mar. 15, 1877	12	200	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	House of worship built.
Rev. Irving L. Beman.....	Arcade, N. Y.....	Dec. 1, 1877	12	200	4	44	..	..	1	80	..	..	Closed labor.
Rev. Arthur J. Benedict.....	Morrisania, N. Y.....	Feb. 1, 1877	3	75	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. George Bent.....	Berlin and Gorham, N. H.; preaches at Gorham Hill.....	June 1, 1877	12	200	12	63	25	28	7	180	39	00	Church organized; church edifice repaired.	
Rev. George Bent.....	Nemaha Co., Kan.....	July 1, 1877	3	100	6	10	3	..	..	..	..	..	Preaches at Oneida, Axtell, Graham.
Rev. Ledyard E. Benton.....	Mapleville and Jalappa, Neb.; preaches at Hooper and Davis School-house.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	400	12	25	2	2	2	43	32	40	Revival interest manifest.	
Rev. Loren F. Berry.....	Stony Creek, Ct.....	Jan. 1, 1877	12	200	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Darius Bettes.....	Cruton and Big Prairie, Mich.....	Dec. 3, 1876	12	225	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. John E. Bidwell.....	Tonaw, Wis.....	Apr. 15, 1877	12	350	11½	62	6	2	7	65	15	00	House of worship rebuilt.	
Rev. George W. Bird.....	Albany, Me.....	May 20, 1877	3½	104	3½	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Oscar Bissell.....	Westford, Ct.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	250	11½	40	1	..	..	45	61	00	Increasing religious interest.
Rev. Alanson Bixby.....	Oswego, Kan.; preaches at Dora.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	300	12	27	10	10	2	46	16	00	Church and Sabbath-school organized.	

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Rev. Solomon Bixby. MASS. H. M. S.	Petersham, Mass.	June 1, 1877	12	150	12	74	10	4	1	60	35 00	Extra meetings; good results.
Rev. George O. Blake.	Iowa Union and Phillipsburg, Kan.; preaches at Kirwin, Plum Creek and Bissell.	Dec. 1, 1876	12	550	8	47	..	..	..	180	4 00	Young man preparing for the ministry.
Rev. Newton T. Blakeslee. Do.	Rockwell and Chaplin, Iowa.	Dec. 1, 1876	6	150	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	70	..	8	3	100	36 79	
Rev. Addison Blanchard. M. M. S.	Baraboo, Wis.	May 15, 1877	7	700	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. John J. Bond.	General Missionary, Me.	Dec. 1, 1877	12	200	12	20	1	..	..	45	20 00	Signs of awakening; preaches at Blue Eye and Last Branch.
Rev. Nathaniel G. Bonney. C. H. M. S.	Spring Creek, Pa.	June 1, 1877	12	200	12	20	1	..	..	95	108 86	Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. Edwin Booth. C. H. M. S.	East Hartland, Ct.	Jan. 1, 1878	12	300	12	56	3	..	..	130	17 00	Preaches at Lowing's.
Rev. Shearjashub Bourne.	Grandville and Hudsonville, Mich.	Aug. 25, 1877	6	150	11	63	4	5	..	130	17 00	Resigned, Sept. 1, 1877.
Rev. Albert Bowers.	Paterson, N. J.	Jan. 1, 1877	12	300	5	9	36	..	..	130	17 00	Preaches at St. Cloud; chapel repaired.
Rev. John M. Bowers.	Huntington, West Va.	July 1, 1877	12	300	9	36	8	..	..	..	..	Self-sustaining; preaches in the vicinity.
Do.	Parkersburg, Iowa.	June 1, 1876	12	240	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	Preaches at Caldwell and out-stations.
Rev. Sarnel Bowker. N. H. M. S.	Reinbeck, Iowa.	Aug. 1, 1877	3	50	3	50	3	10	2	75	61 00	
Rev. Dana E. Bradford. Rev. John Bradshaw.	Salem, N. H.	Jan. 1, 1877	12	100	9	60	4	..	..	..	..
Rev. Edwin T. Branch.	Bangor, N. Y.	Apr. 13, 1877	12	100	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	123	40	28	1	180	9 40	Three out-stations.
Rev. Daniel M. Breckenridge.	DeKalb, Ill.	Nov. 1, 1877	12	300	12	51	..	5	16	75	25 00	Church edifice repaired.
Rev. Dwight P. Brede.	Grand Lodge, Mich.	Nov. 1, 1877	12	200	12	40	4	..	3	125	27 00	Preaches at Oneida; hopeful; chapel repaired.
Rev. Lewis Bridgman.	Fort Dodge, Iowa.	June 20, 1877	12	350	12	350	12	16	1	165	30 00	Revival; Sabbath-school organized; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. John W. Brier, Jr.	Oxford and Orion, Mich.	Apr. 15, 1877	12	300	12	27	..	..	..	65	36 00	Preaches at Grove Hill and Eden.
Rev. Frank L. Bristol.	Richland, Dak.	June 6, 1877	12	300	12	27	..	..	..	..	..	Resigned, June 15, 1877.
Rev. Lepas P. Broad. MASS. H. M. S.	Suisun City, Cal.	Mar. 15, 1877	9	200	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. F. J. Brobst.	Westport, Mass.	Oct. 1, 1876	12	200	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. George W. Brooks. R. I. H. M. S.	Paola, Kan.	June 15, 1877	12	350	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	37	12	..	1	100	..	Revival.
Rev. William M. Brooks.	Beetown, Wis.	May 1, 1877	4	75	4	..	..	..	..	135	..	Preached at Mnskalongne and Northanoven.
Rev. Harmon Bross.	Woonsocket, R. I.	Oct. 1, 1877	12	500	6	71	..	..	11	..	..	Church edifice repaired.
	Union, Iowa.	Jan. 1, 1878	12	275	3	48	..	1	2	120	7 00	Preaches at Grundy.
	Crete, Neb.; preaches at Harris.	Nov. 1, 1877	12	300	12	80	..	1	6	110	171 10	Increasing interest; Sabbath-school organized; church edifice completed.

Rev. Aaron Brown..... O. H. M. S.	Coolville, Ohio.....	May 1, 1876	12	200	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	35	00	Preaches at Stewart's, Fitch Ridge and Coolville.
Rev. T. L. Brown..... Rev. John W. Brownette..... M. M. S.	Elkhart, Ind..... Solon and Athens, Me.....	Mar. 1, 1878	12	350	1	47	..	..	2	..	..	30	..	
Rev. Wallace Bruce..... Do.	Scribner and Glencoe, Neb..... Cedar Creek and Okudale, Neb.....	Dec. 19, 1876	12	300	54	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Resigned, Sept. 18, 1877. Preaches at Orford. Preached at Belfield, Rockcastle and Maherville; left.
Rev. Hiram A. Brundidge..... Do.	Rush Center, Kan.....	Oct. 1, 1877	6	200	6	80	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	
Rev. James Brunker..... Do.	Neodesha and Altoona, Kan..... Antelope, Kan.....	Oct. 1, 1876	8	400	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Jesse Brush..... C. H. M. S.	June 7, 1877	12	500	10	51	2	4	2	40	..	..	11	170	Preaches at three out-stations. Preaches at El Paso and out-stations. Two Sabbath-schools organized.
Rev. Albert Bryant..... MASS. H. M. S.	Home, Union and Greeley North Stamford, Ct.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	350	12	90	6	6	5	100	..	40	50	
Rev. Stephen O. Bryant.....	West Somerville, Mass.....	Oct. 1, 1877	12	650	12	102	30	17	14	150	..	30	19	
Rev. Rella G. Bugbee..... C. H. M. S.	Mancelona and Westwood, Mich. preaches at Kearney.....	Oct. 5, 1877	6	200	12	53	7	17	9	125	..	27	25	Two churches and one Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. William S. Bugley..... N. H. M. S.	West Hartland, Ct.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	300	12	68	10	7	5	85	..	81	00	House of worship repaired.
Rev. John J. Bulloch..... M. M. S.	West Stewartstown, N. H.....	July 1, 1877	12	200	12	53	..	12	2	90	..	5	00	Revival in progress; church edifice repaired.
Rev. Motier A. Bullock.....	Washington, Me.....	July 1, 1877	12	200	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. John J. Bunnell.....	Oakwood, Mich.....	Sept. 1, 1876	12	100	5	33	80	33	..	160	..	40	00	Self-sustaining. Revived; church at Allendale self-supporting. Left.
Rev. Lyssander T. Burbank.....	Allendale and Eastmanville, Mich.....	Jan. 18, 1877	12	225	94	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Stanley A. Burnaby..... M. M. S.	Herndon, Va.....	Jan. 1, 1877	19	350	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Collins G. Burnham..... M. M. S.	Weld, Me.....	June 6, 1877	34	120	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Preparing to build a church edifice.
Rev. Albert Burr.....	Burlington, Me.....	June 10, 1877	34	120	84	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Enock F. Burr, D. D..... C. H. M. S.	Empire City, Kan.....	July 1, 1877	12	350	9	16	..	..	..	75	..	..	..	Preaches at Galena, Baxter, Cherokee and Lowell; Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. Frederick W. Bush.....	Lyme, Ct.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	285	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Self-sustaining.
Rev. Samuel E. Bussler.....	Alamo, Mich.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	100	12	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. William R. Butcher.....	South Boston, Mich.....	Mar. 28, 1877	12	300	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Cornelius S. Cady.....	Hinsdale, Ill.....	Dec. 1, 1876	12	200	8	43	..	1	4	112	..	25	00	
Rev. William E. Caldwell.....	Royal Oak, Mich.....	Dec. 1, 1877	12	75	4	57	..	1	1	65	..	5	00	
Rev. S. F. Calhoun..... MASS. H. M. S.	Pentwater, Mich.....	Jan. 21, 1878	12	300	12	36	3	..	..	85	..	19	00	
Rev. John H. Cameron.....	Dartmouth (South), Mass.....	Oct. 1, 1877	12	200	12	45	..	..	..	100	..	33	60	
Rev. William L. Camp.....	Pewaukee, Wis.....	Sep. 1, 1876	12	100	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Self-sustaining. Preaches at Gratian and Mason, Revival.
Rev. Daniel A. Campbell.....	Smyrna, Mich.....	Feb. 1, 1878	12	175	8	..	..	..	..	7	..	22	25	
Rev. James Campbell.....	Big Spring, Jackson and Westfield, Wis.....	Mar. 1, 1877	12	300	11	37	40	..	..	60	..	34	00	Work of grace; church organized; one out-station.
Rev. John H. Campbell.....	Pineauy, Mich.....	Oct. 1, 1877	12	100	12	66	25	21	..	150	..	5	00	Meeting-house and parsonage repaired.
	North Evans, N. Y.....	June 24, 1877	13	150	94	52	100	

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Rev. George Candee.....	Carson City, Mich.....	Jan. 1, 1877.....	12	350	9	75	2	12	6	59 00	Self-sustaining.
Rev. Israel Carleton.....	Stokes Mound and Utica, Mo.....	Nov. 24, 1876.....	12	350	8	64	2	1	1	92	7 50 House of worship repaired.
Rev. Elbridge C. Carpenter.....	Golden Prairie, Iowa.....	Apr. 19, 1877.....	12	300	11½	45	3	2	6	100	
Rev. Philip H. Carpenter.....	Worcester, Vt.....	Jan. 1, 1878.....	5	84	3	46	..	..	1	60	
Rev. William O. Carr.....	Barnstead, N. H.....	Oct. 1, 1877.....	12	150	12	31	6	3	1	94	
Rev. Stephen B. Carter.....	Voluntown and Sterling, Ct.....	Jan. 1, 1878.....	12	350	10	29	2	..	..	48	23 50 Good degree of religious interest.
Rev. Albert M. Case.....	Sharon, Wis.....	Aug. 1, 1876.....	12	100	4	..	..	..	..	..	Self-sustaining.
Rev. Horatio M. Case.....	Allen's Grove, Wis.....	May 1, 1877.....	12	200	12	40	..	..	..	50	8 36
Rev. James C. Caswell.....	North Java, N. Y.....	Apr. 15, 1877.....	12	200	12	34	..	..	..	54	25 00 Religious interest; preaches at Johnsonburg.
Rev. George H. Cate.....	Markesan, Wis.....	June 1, 1877.....	4	100	4	..	..	2	54	..	
Rev. William E. Catlin.....	Garfield and Kinsley, Kan.....	May 1, 1876.....	12	550	1	..	..	..	..	..	Left.
Do.....	Lamar, Mo.; preaches at Dublin.....	Dec. 1, 1877.....	12	350	4	42	17	17	9	75	70 00 Work of grace; young man preparing for the ministry.
Rev. James P. Chamberlain.....	Bloomer, Wis.....	May 29, 1877.....	12	350	12	31	5	8	1	110	22 02 Preaches in the vicinity.
Rev. Oliver P. Champin.....	Sleepy Eye and Burns, Minn.....	July 4, 1877.....	12	550	12	41	..	6	7	100	31 06 Preaches at Iberia; chapel erected.
Rev. Fred. D. Chandler.....	Kensington, N. H.....	Apr. 25, 1877.....	12	250	12	54	..	3	..	90	.. Church edifice built.
Rev. Joseph Chandler.....	Glencoe, Minn.; preaches at Round Grove, Penn and Getchell.....	Nov. 1, 1877.....	12	400	12	80	7	..	..	65	50 31 Spiritual refreshing; two Sabbath-schools organized.
Rev. Lucien W. Chaney.....	Markato, Minn.....	Sep. 12, 1877.....	12	200	12	112	16	6	5	100	128 50 Work of the Spirit; preaches at South Bend.
Rev. George E. Chapin.....	Northfield, Me.....	June 10, 1877.....	3½	120	3½	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. George F. Chapin.....	Alstead and Langdon, N. H.....	Apr. 1, 1877.....	12	150	12	66	2	..	140	132 80	Brighter prospects.
Rev. Samuel W. Chapin.....	Albany, Vt.....	June 1, 1877.....	12	200	10	50	8	3	1	100	6 20 Work of grace.
Rev. Hervey W. Chapman.....	Steuben, Me.....	May 20, 1877.....	4½	144	4	..	..	..	..	95	68 00 Revival commenced.
Rev. Jacob Chapman.....	Kingston, N. H.....	May 1, 1876.....	12	100	1	50	3	1	..	110	98 75 Feeble.
Rev. Ezra B. Chase.....	Cortland and Mecca, Ohio; preaches at Johnstonville.....	Jan. 1, 1877.....	12	100	9	116	..	4	10	140	.. Sabbath-school organized; church edifice nearly completed.

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Rev. George A. Coleman.	Bartlett, Ill.	May 1, 1877	12	150	7	40	..	3	2	48 85	Preached at Wayne; left, Nov. 1, 1877.
Rev. William L. Coleman.	Spencer, Iowa.	May 1, 1877	12	320	12	23	..	..	5	40 30	Preaches at Gillett's Grove and East Riverton.
Rev. John L. Collier.	Nebraska City, Neb.	Nov. 24, 1877	12	400	44	78	..	..	..	12 00	
Rev. Erasmus Collier.	Willington, Ct.	Jan. 1, 1878	12	350	12	73	..	..	..	29 00	Young man preparing for the ministry.
C. H. M. S.											
Rev. Charles A. Conant.	Duluth and Brainerd, Minn.	Aug. 1, 1877	12	400	12	..	6	6	..	13 00	Revival; young man preparing for the ministry.
Rev. Alfred Connet.	Solsberry and Cincinnati, Ind.	May 1, 1876	12	250	1	77	..	..	..	..
Rev. Jonathan B. Cook.	Hebron, N. H.	June 14, 1876	12	125	24	..	..	..	..	..
N. H. M. S.											
Rev. Jonathan Copeland.	Dunlap, Iowa.	May 1, 1876	12	200	1	..	..	15	..	125	Left.
Do.	Shelbyville, Iowa.	May 1, 1877	12	200	11	36	80	..	..	12 22	Ingathering; church and three Sabbath-schools organized; three out-stations.
Rev. Bernard Copping.	Freedom, Me.	June 10, 1877	24	112	24	28	1	..	..	100	Closed labor.
M. M. S.											
Rev. Hadley M. Corshie.	Seymour and Angelica, Wis.	Mar. 26, 1877	12	400	54	..	..	20	9	110	Resigned, Sept. 12, 1877.
Rev. Isaac L. Cory.	Brighton and Round Grove, Ill.	Feb. 20, 1877	12	150	104	63	40	..	..	11 00	Trying to go alone; closed labor.
Rev. F. G. A. Cade.	Lowell, Mass. (French).	May 1, 1877	12	500	11	20	7	9	..	..	Encouraged.
M. A. S.											
Rev. Cyrenius N. Coulter.	Banks, Mich.	June 1, 1877	12	350	12	40	..	5	3	6 25	Church organized; preaches at Central Lake and Blakeley.
Rev. Frank Countryman.	Prospect, Ct.	Jan. 1, 1877	12	250	6	..	..	..	..	..
C. H. M. S.											
Rev. John Cowan.	Essex Junction, Vt.	Jan. 1, 1877	12	100	9	..	..	..	..	29 34	
V. D. M. S.											
Rev. Ethan B. Crane.	South Meriden, Ct.	Jan. 1, 1878	12	275	12	56	..	..	..	..
C. H. M. S.											
Rev. James L. Crane.	Michigan Center and Napoleon, Mich.	Nov. 1, 1876	12	150	44	..	..	1	3	..	Mr. Crane died, Aug. 15, 1877.
Rev. K. Herbert Crane.	Ransom, Mich.	Apr. 1, 1877	12	100	12	60	4	1	1	130	Revival efforts; Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. Frederick Crang.	Astoria, Or.	Oct. 1, 1876	12	500	6	36	4	1	3	40 40	
Rev. Charles H. Crawford.	Salamanca, N. Y.	Nov. 1, 1876	12	300	5	..	..	..	..	..	Resigned, Sept. 3, 1877.
Rev. M. A. Crawford.	Rodhouse, Ill.	July 10, 1877	2	25	2	18	..	..	..	40	Left.
Rev. Albert B. Cristy.	East Calais, Vt.	May 25, 1877	3	70	3	..	1	..	..	95	Left.
V. D. M. S.											
Rev. Benjamin S. Crosby.	Wellsville, Kan.	Oct. 25, 1876	6	200	1	..	..	..	..	..	Preaches at Beech Jack and Rock Creek.
Do.	Arvonia, Kan.; preaches at Riverside, Key West, Reading and Websters.	July 26, 1877	9	350	8	21	9	2	..	..	Revival at Arvonia; Sabbath-school organized.

Rev. Rowland S. Cross V. D. M. S.	St. Johnsbury Center, Vt.....	July 1, 1877	12	175	12	80	1	..	1	..	22	52
Rev. Roselle T. Cross.....	Colorado Springs, Col.; preaches at Manitow, Easton and Widefield.....	Sept. 1, 1877	12	400	12	99	10	30	16	180	169	10
Rev. William H. Cross.....	Riverside, Cal.....	Dec. 1, 1877	12	400	12	24	4	3	8	90	17	00
Rev. Micah S. Crosswell.....	Sonoma, Cal.....	Mar. 1, 1877	2	67	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Do.....	Ashtland, Neb.....	Nov. 1, 1877	6	225	5	44	1	..	..	81	..	..
Rev. William S. Orouch.....	Madura, Kan.; preaches at Alida and Clark's School-house.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	250	12	65	7	7	3	90	75	00
Rev. Zenas Crowell.....	Houlton, Me.....	July 1, 1877	12	400	12	53	25	21	6	130	33	00
M. M. S.												
Rev. Henry Cummings.....	Stratford, Vt.....	Sept. 1, 1877	12	150	12	59	6	6	..	85	138	48
Rev. John M. Cummings.....	Extra, Iowa.....	Nov. 18, 1877	12	225	12	44	4	3	3	50	21	00
Rev. Asher W. Curtis.....	East Troy, Wis.....	Jan. 1, 1877	12	100	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Do.....	Blair, Neb.....	Dec. 1, 1877	2	65	2	62	1	1	..	140	5	00
Rev. Edward D. Curtis.....	Sand Bank, N. Y.....	Mar. 1, 1877	12	150	11	36	11	3	..	130	7	00
Rev. Walter W. Curtis.....	West Brook, N. Y.....	June 1, 1877	12	100	12	49	..	..	..	120	131	60
Rev. Gilbert A. Curtiss.....	Hillsboro, Ill.....	Dec. 1, 1877	2	65	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Leander Curtiss.....	Weldon Creek and Branch, Mich.; preaches at Chase and Sherman.....	Mar. 18, 1877	4	75	24	40	..	..	..	..	32	00
Rev. William A. Cutler.....	Dallas City, Ill.....	June 1, 1877	12	300	12	21	4	7	5	15	2	50
Do.....	Dallas City, Ill.....	Feb. 22, 1877	12	200	11	53	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. William H. Cutler.....	Monicello, Minn.....	Mar. 7, 1878	12	250	1	..	..	..	..	100	13	00
M. M. S.	East Marshfield, Mass.....	Mar. 1, 1877	12	150	10	42	..	..	..	55	25	09
Rev. Marshall M. Cutler.....	West Medford, Mass.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	500	12	66	6	10	10	160	65	18
Rev. Charles Dane.....	West Newbury, Mass.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	400	12	66	8	1	2	65	127	50
Rev. J. Jay Dana.....	Alford and West Stockbridge Center, Mass.....	Oct. 1, 1877	12	300	12	67	3	1	..	53	141	15
Rev. Gerrit Dangremond.....	Fremont Center, Mich.; preaches at Denver.....	July 1, 1877	3	100	6	14	2	2	..	40	10	95
Rev. Henry M. Daniels.....	Dallas, Texas.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	400	12	25	3	4	5	52	3	50
Rev. Thomas W. Darling.....	Harvard, Neb.....	May 1, 1876	12	100	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Henry Davies.....	Bala, Kan. (Welsh) Arvonia and Osage City, Kan. (Welsh); preaches at Reading, Peteron and Pauteg.....	July 15, 1876	12	350	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Do.....	Camerton, Mo.....	Apr. 15, 1877	12	400	11	88	2	3	2	65	21	00
Rev. Richard R. Davies.....	Medway and Kingman, Me.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	150	12	113	4	1	1	80	32	00
Rev. David L. Davis.....	Greenville, Me.....	Dec. 10, 1877	4	135	44	..	..	..	..	30	7	00
M. M. S.												
Rev. Charles Davison.....	Greenville, Me.....	July 1, 1877	12	250	12	45	3	1	..	80	36	41
M. M. S.												
Rev. Joseph B. Davison.....	Riceville, Pa.....	Nov. 1, 1877	6	75	12	40	7	2	1	248	13	00

Three young men preparing for the ministry; Sabbath-school organized.
Revival fruit; church edifice repaired.
Sabbath-school organized; striving to build a church edifice.
Ingathering; brighter days.
Awakening; young man preparing for the ministry.
Preached at West Troy and Troy Center; left.
Preaches at Blair, Ft. Calhoun, Hastings and North Hastings.
Extra meetings; blessed results.
Preaches at North Walton.
Closed labor.
Good fruit; church and Sabbath-school organized.
Preaches at Oak Grove.
Young man preparing for the ministry.
New life and increased activity.
Two meeting-houses repaired.
Commenced building; left.
Out-stations.
Left.
Two Sabbath-schools organized.
Several out-stations.
Steady missionary effort needed.
Young man preparing for the ministry.
Sabbath-school organized; four out-stations.

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Rev. John E. Elliott..... C. H. M. S.	South Glastonbury, Ct.....	Jan. 1, 1877	12	200	9	105	14	10	1	80	156 34	Awakening.
Rev. Stephen G. Elliott.....	Billings and Republic, Mo.; preaches at Aurora.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	350	12	55	14	14	23	120	24 00	Church organized; young man preparing for the ministry; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. Jacob F. Ellis.....	Seattle, Wash. Ter.....	July 1, 1877	6	150	9	29	1	..	..	50	13 56	Self-sustaining.
Rev. W. B. Ely..... N. H. M. S.	Roxbury, N. H.....	May 13, 1877	4	50	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	Self-sustaining.
Rev. Charles H. Emerson.....	Knox Co., Neb.....	Sept. 17, 1877	12	450	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	Preaches at Bazile Mills, East Branch, Creighton and Dry Creek.
Rev. Oliver Emerson.....	Elk River, Preston and Bryant, Iowa; preaches also at Sterling.....	Dec. 1, 1877	12	100	12	46	..	2	..	120	80 00	Hindrances; two young men preparing for the ministry; Sabbath-school organized; church edifice repaired.
Rev. Samuel F. Emerson.....	Sutton, Neb.....	May 1, 1877	4	100	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	United and hopeful.
Rev. Anzi B. Emmons..... V. D. M. S.	Jamaica, Vt.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	200	6	60	6	2	..	90	41 00	House of worship repaired.
Rev. Fred. F. Enrich..... M. M. S.	Mechanic Falls, Me.....	July 1, 1877	12	150	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	House of worship repaired.
Rev. F. W. Ernst..... N. H. M. S.	North Groton, N. H.....	May 15, 1877	4	50	4	14	..	..	..	80	..	House of worship repaired.
Rev. William P. Esler.....	Sherman, Mich.; preaches at Marilla.....	Apr. 22, 1877	12	400	11	43	2	2	7	30	47 50	Harvest great; more laborers wanted; two Sabbath-schools organized.
Rev. Griffith R. Evans.....	Braidwood and Braceville, Ill. (Welsh).....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	200	12	46	9	9	4	150	4 25	Favorable outlook.
Rev. John P. Evans..... M. M. S.	Ligonla, Me. (Welsh) (Rolling Mills).....	July 1, 1877	12	240	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	Closed labors.
Rev. Nathaniel K. Evars.....	Door Village, Mich.....	Oct. 1, 1876	12	200	6	114	..	64	7	160	47 03	Self-sustaining.
Rev. Reuben Everts.....	Rescommon and Grayling, Mich.....	Jan. 1, 1878	3	75	6	26	..	2	2	..	..	Needy field; encouraging Sabbath-school work; left.
Rev. Elisha F. Fales.....	Carthage, Mo.....	Nov. 21, 1877	12	350	12	63	12	4	6	185	38 50	Ingathering; parsonage built; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. Uriel Farnata.....	Shiloh, Kan.; preaches at Goshen, Putnam, Harner and other out-stations.....	July 1, 1877	12	150	9	15	..	2	..	..	2 75	In the midst of a revival.
Rev. Asa Farwell.....	Ashland and Rock Creek, Neb.....	Sept. 1, 1876	12	450	5	53	15	9	..	125	21 50	Poor out-stations.
Rev. John Fassett.....	Harland, Wis.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	225	12	53	15	9	..	..	..	Poor prospects; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. Francis Fawkes.....	Ohio, Iowa; preaches at Vesper, Elk Horn and Welcome.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	150	12	83	1	1	..	150	18 10	Two Sabbath-schools organized.
Rev. Samuel B. Feemster.....	Almartha, Mo.; preaches in the vicinity.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	150	12	30	9	2	..	45	28 00	Revival; two Sabbath-schools organized; church edifice built.

Rev. Alpheus Graves.....	Medford, Minn.....	Sept. 16, 1877	12	300	6½	37	12	..	..	80	20	56	Young man preparing for the ministry; church edifice repaired.
Rev. Roswell Graves.....	Little Shasta, Cal.; preaches at Butteville.....	Jan. 15, 1878	12	250	12	31	17	16	1	70	13	00	Sabbath-school organized; church built.
Rev. David B. Gray.....	Oregon City and Mt. Pleasant, Oregon.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	300	12	101	9	10	6	75	85	16	Increased religious interest; house repaired.
Rev. John Gray.....	Wahoo and Cedar Bluffs, Neb.; preaches at Ithaca, Weston and Eldred.....	Oct. 15, 1877	12	330	12	33	..	..	8	..	45	00	Three Sabbath-schools organized. Many hindrances.
Rev. Abner L. Greene.....	Stockholm, N. Y.....	Dec. 17, 1877	6	125	9½	84	5	1	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Henry S. Greene.....	Ballardvale (Andover), Mass.....	Mar. 1, 1877	12	150	11	57	5	4	2	75	46	00	..
Rev. William B. Greene.....	Scituate, Mass.....	Mar. 1, 1877	12	100	11	89	5	..	..	70	39	50	..
Rev. Albert L. Gridley.....	Benzonia, Mich.....	Oct. 1, 1877	9	250	12	123	40	14	1	95	99	53	Manifestations of the Spirit's presence.
Rev. Percy M. Griffin.....	Parsons, Kan.....	Aug. 1, 1877	12	500	12	100	12	..	..	..	..	..	Preaches at Moira.
Rev. Thomas H. Griffith.....	Lawrenceville, N. Y.....	May 18, 1877	12	100	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Henry Griffiths.....	Clear Water and West Cedar Valley, Neb.....	Sept. 1, 1877	12	300	12	50	..	..	..	125	31	30	Preaches at Neligh and Mount Pleasant; two Sabbath-schools organized.
Rev. Thomas M. Griffiths.....	Turin and Tug Hill, N. Y. (Welsh).....	July 1, 1878	12	200	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Left at close of commission.
Rev. Sylvester S. Grinnell.....	Unionville and North Madison, Ohio.....	July 1, 1877	6	75	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Charles P. Grosvenor.....	Ashford, Ct.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	250	12	92	30	11	1	84	117	60	Wide-spread revival.
Rev. Andrew J. Hadley.....	Rollersville and Gibsonburgh, Ohio.....	Sept. 1, 1876	12	35	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Willis A. Hadley.....	Newington, N. H.....	May 1, 1877	12	150	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. William B. Hague.....	Brantree Hill, Vt.....	May 23, 1877	5	125	5	49	6	5	..	55	..	..	Young man preparing for the ministry; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. Simeon S. Haines.....	Chase and Tustin, Mich.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	350	12	25	2	8	..	75	..	..	Sabbath-school organized; two out-stations.
Rev. Eusebius Hale.....	Baiting Hollow, N. Y.....	Aug. 15, 1877	12	150	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Preaches in the vicinity.
Rev. Lewis E. Hale.....	Onekama, Mich. (German).....	June 1, 1877	12	100	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. J. W. Haley.....	Hudson, N. H.; preaches at several out-stations.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	200	3	53	8	8	11	60	..	..	New strength in old fields; two young men preparing for the ministry; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. William T. Haley.....	Copperopolis, Cal.....	Jan. 26, 1877	12	400	5½	45	1	..	..	88	19	00	Resigned, Sept. 15, 1877.
Rev. Albert E. Hall.....	Daton, N. H.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	150	12	..	..	..	..	129	17	98	Sabbath-school organized; three out-stations.
Rev. James Hall.....	Farwell, Mich.; preaches at West Mills, Somerset, Mass.....	Oct. 13, 1877	6	125	12	20	4	..	..	..	..	..	Prosperous Sabbath-school work; two schools organized.
Rev. Joseph C. Halliday.....	Arborville and Randolph, Neb.....	July 1, 1877	12	300	9	47	3	..	2	60	57	50	..
Rev. William S. Hampton.....	Strawberry Point and Edgewood, Iowa.....	July 15, 1877	12	400	8½	39	16	5	6	120	94	20	Preaches at Parker's school-house.
Rev. Charles Hancock.....	Alden and Buckeye, Iowa.....	Dec. 1, 1876	12	110	8	70	..	..	..	160	13	00	..
Rev. La Roy S. Hand.....	Polk City, Iowa; preaches at Beaver.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	200	9	64	10	10	4	190	66	75	Revival; church and Sabbath-school organized; meeting-house repaired; left.
Do.....	Ogden, Iowa.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	100	3	71	75	One out-station.

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Rev. Vitellus M. Hardy, V. D. M. S.	Morrisville, Vt.	May 1, 1877	12	50	7	128	6	2	..	200	37 00	Young man preparing for the ministry; left.
Rev. Lincoln Harlow, N. H. M. S.	Lyndeboro, N. H.	July 16, 1877	12	150	12	79	..	7	2	106	15 50	A year of promise.
Rev. Charles C. Harrah, V. D. M. S.	Monroe, Iowa; preaches at Otley and Pleasant Grove.	Feb. 1, 1878	12	250	2	111	5	4	10	130	23 00	Hard times, but not discouraged.
Rev. James L. Harrington, V. D. M. S.	Orange, Vt.	Nov. 1, 1877	9	200	8	50	1	..	..	80	....	Left.
Rev. James W. Harris, D. O.	Evansville and Cooksville, Wis.	May 1, 1876	12	150	1	..	5	4	7	130	43 60	Preaches at Arborville, Randolph, Tyson, Dorsey and Setson's.
Rev. Charles S. Harrison, D. O.	The Dalles, Or.	Dec. 17, 1877	6	225	3½	56	..	..	..	..	....	Left.
Rev. George J. Harrison, C. H. M. S.	York, Neb.	May 1, 1877	12	450	12	..	..	..	..	..	....	Preaches at Arborville, Randolph, Tyson, Dorsey and Setson's.
Rev. Phares B. Harrison, MASS. H. M. S.	Milton, Ct.	Jan. 1, 1878	12	375	12	34	..	..	2	37	57 25	Preaches at Ferndale and Samish.
Rev. Samuel Harrison, MASS. H. M. S.	Sehoma, Wash. Ter.	May 1, 1877	12	300	12	..	..	13	1	45	....	Revival.
Rev. Henry B. Hart, M. M. S.	Pittsfield, Mass. (Colored).	Oct. 1, 1877	12	250	12	51	14	..	..	..	17 00	Missionary left.
Rev. James H. Harwood, V. D. M. S.	Medford, Me.	Oct. 7, 1877	3	96	3	..	3	..	..	..	....	House of worship repaired.
Rev. Benjamin F. Haskins, V. D. M. S.	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 10, 1877	12	400	5½	30	5	1	2	150	13 75	Church organized.
Rev. Richard Hassell, V. D. M. S.	Empire and Ashland, Kan.	June 1, 1877	12	350	10	53	12	2	9	110	13 00	Increasing influence.
Rev. Elias W. Hatch, V. D. M. S.	Warren Township, Iowa.	May 1, 1877	12	150	11	30	2	10	2	41	..	..
Rev. Daniel E. Hathaway, V. D. M. S.	East Berkshire and Montgomery Center, Vt.	Jan. 1, 1877	12	100	12	39	4	4	..	60	32 00	East Berkshire self-supporting.
Rev. William Haughton, V. D. M. S.	Russell, Kan.	Sept. 24, 1877	12	450	6	34	..	..	3	120	..	Preaches at Wilson.
Rev. Josiah T. Haves, M. M. S.	Viroqua, Wis.	Apr. 1, 1877	6	125	6	78	3	..	..	..	29 50	The fields large and laborers few; out-stations.
Rev. James Hay, V. D. M. S.	Litchfield, Me.	July 1, 1877	12	200	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. John Hayward, V. D. M. S.	Holland, Vt.	June 1, 1877	6	75	6	33	..	..	..	70	24 38	Closed labor.
Rev. William T. Haywood, Do.	Scatter Creek, Center Ridge and Buffalo City, Kan.; preaches at Village Creek and two out-stations.	Aug. 1, 1877	8	250	12	122	50	80	92	300	27 16	Bright prospects: two churches and one Sabbath-school organized; preparing to build.

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Rev. Edward C. Hood. MASS. H. M. S.	Hingham and Beechwood, Mass.	Dec. 1, 1877	12	600	12	88	13	12	5	135	95 62	
Rev. George A. Hood.	Minneapolis, Minn.	Mar. 1, 1878	12	200	12	86	4	7	23	246	21 73	Increasing religious interest; young man preparing for the ministry.
Rev. John Hooper.	San Andreas, Cal.	June 1, 1876	12	300	2							Preaches at Copperopolis and Murphy's.
Rev. Benjamin B. Hopkinson. C. H. M. S.	Grassy Hill, Ct.	Jan. 1, 1878	12	300	12	32				38	87 00	House of worship repaired.
Rev. John W. Horner.	Bloomfield, Iowa.	July 1, 1876	12	250	3							Preaches at Belknap.
Rev. Samuel D. Hosmer. MASS. M. M. S.	Natick (South), Mass.	July 1, 1877	12	350	12	67	4	5	3	75	121 86	Preaches at Little Smith Station.
Rev. Charles E. Houghton. N. H. M. S.	Anburn, N. H.	May 20, 1877	12	150	12	49	1			115	10 50	Sabbath-school organized; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. Edward Howard.	Gasport, N. Y.	Mar. 1, 1878	12	150	12	53	4	3	3	90	24 00	Increasing religious interest.
Rev. Herbert R. Howes. M. M. S.	Gray, Me.	July 1, 1876	12	125	3							
Rev. George B. Hubbard.	Pecatonica, Ill.	May 1, 1876	12	100	1			1		60		Preaches at Speedsville; increase of religious interest.
Rev. Horace L. Hubbard. Do.	Shirland, Ill.	Jan. 1, 1878	12	150	3	47			1	100		
Rev. Alfred S. Hudson. MASS. H. M. S.	West Newark, N. Y.	Jan. 1, 1878	12	200	3	25						
Rev. Hugh X. Hughes.	Maplewood and Linden, Mass.	Oct. 1, 1877	12	400	12							
Rev. Irvine T. Hull.	Dawn, Mo. (Welsh).	Nov. 1, 1877	12	100	12	42		3	1	35	1 60	Hard times.
Rev. Chester C. Humphrey	Breckenridge, Mo.	Oct. 1, 1877	12	300	6							Preaches at Mt. Carmel and Catawba.
	Albion, Boone and Orford, Neb.; preaches at Dayton.	Oct. 1, 1877	6	200	12	53	6	6	7	75	29 00	Revival interest manifested; church organized; two Sabbath-schools organized; left.
Rev. Myron W. Hunt.	Centralia, Kan.	Jan. 16, 1878	6	125	2 1/2	26				45		
Rev. Ward I. Hunt.	Columbus and Richmond, Mich.; preaches at out-station.	Mar. 1, 1877	12	150	11	165	55	64	6	215	90 52	Work of grace; young man preparing for the ministry; Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. E. L. Hurd, D.D.	Benton Harbor, Mich.	Oct. 1, 1876	12	350	6							
Rev. Fayette Hurd.	Cherokee, Iowa; preaches at Hazard.	Apr. 15, 1876	12	250	4	87	3	15	2			Self-sustaining.
Rev. Henry L. Hutchins. C. H. M. S.	New Haven (Taylor ch.), Ct.	Jan. 1, 1878	12	400	12	44	17	6	1	130	34 08	Work of grace; Sabbath-school prosperous.
Rev. Henry H. Hutchinson M. M. S.	Edgemoor, Me.	July 1, 1877	12	200	12	94	2	21	5	54	22 00	Revival interest; church edifice built.
Rev. Edmond C. Ingalls.	Benson, Minn.	Mar. 1, 1877	12	400	11	14	5	2	4	40	19 28	Spiritual refreshing.

Rev. Corvdon S. Irwin.....	June 5, 1877	12	500	10	22	..	3	..	Preaches at Lacrosse, Belle Prairie and Miller's.
Rev. Joseph B. Ives.....	July 1, 1877	12	450	12	..	..	..	50 00	Preaches at Pleasant Valley.
Rev. Alfred T. Jackson.....	June 1, 1876	12	400	2	6	11	..	..	..
Rev. William C. Jackson.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	150	12	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Isaac Jacobus.....	June 5, 1877	12	325	12	50	7	..	100	Work of grace; house of worship repaired. Self-sustaining.
Rev. William James.....	Nov. 1, 1877	12	250	7	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. William A. James.....	Nov. 1, 1876	12	100	3	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Frederick James.....	July 1, 1876	12	100	3	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. David Jenkins.....	Aug. 1, 1877	3	75	3	52	..	..	107	Meeting-house repaired; left.
Do.....	May 15, 1877	12	300	7 1/2	..	..	..	..	Preached at Big Lake and Minneapolis; left, Nov. 15, 1877.
Rev. Onen Jenkins.....	Dec. 1, 1877	12	300	4	22	..	2	..	..
Do.....	Apr. 1, 1877	6	50	6	..	..	..	24	..
Rev. George Johnson.....	Oct. 17, 1876	12	275	6 1/2	..	..	..	45	Preached at Buford; left.
Rev. George H. Johnson.....	Nov. 1, 1877	12	400	5	25	..	1	..	Preached at Pelican Rapids.
Rev. John B. Johnson.....	Dec. 1, 1876	12	200	8	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Albert N. Jones.....	Feb. 10, 1878	5	83	2	63	..	..	40	Encouraged; building a parsonage.
Rev. Cadwalader D. Jones.....	July 1, 1877	12	200	12	74	21	..	205	Young man preparing for the ministry.
Rev. Clinton M. Jones.....	Aug. 1, 1877	12	125	12	77	4	5	8	52 00 Sabbath-school organized and two meeting-houses repaired.
Do.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	225	12	118	..	..	80	56 7 1/2
Rev. Daniel J. Jones.....	Mar. 1, 1877	6	175	5	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. David Jones.....	Nov. 1, 1877	12	100	12	45	6	6	1	49
Rev. David M. Jones.....	Jan. 1, 1878	9	112 1/2	3	18	16	16	2	50
Rev. D. Sebastian Jones.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	175	12	..	..	..	..	Church edifice repaired.
Rev. Enoch Jones.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	75	12	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. George M. Jones.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	175	12	53	2	2	5	124
Rev. Harvey Jones.....	Dec. 1, 1877	6	200	10	29	..	2	2	30
Rev. Ira B. Jones.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	300	12	39	20	..	3	50
Rev. John A. Jones.....	Nov. 18, 1877	12	250	7 1/2	40	..	4	1	..
Rev. Emanuel Jones.....	Feb. 1, 1878	12	300	12	81	2	..	190	216 00 Steady work.
Rev. Nathan I. Jones.....	Oct. 26, 1877	6	75	11	21	2	..	80	29 88 Extra meetings; good results.
Rev. Samuel Jones.....	June 10, 1877	6	100	6	82	..	4	15	60
Rev. Samuel Jones.....	Mar. 1, 1878	12	100	12	Sabbath-school organized; chapel repaired.

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Rev. Thomas G. Jones.....	Butternut Valley, Cambria and South Bend, Minn. (Welsh).....	Sept. 1, 1877	12	200	12	74	..	8	..	100	2 00	Very needy; preaches at Salem and Goshen.
Rev. Thomas W. Jones.....	Ticonderoga, N. Y.; preaches at Putnam and Upper Village.....	Sept. 10, 1877	12	300	12	61	4	4	5	90	4 50	Many trials; additions made to church edifice.
Rev. Timothy Jones.....	Waushara Co., Wis. (Welsh); preaches at Rose, Emmett and Watertown.....	May 1, 1877	12	80	12	59	20	6	1	65	26 00	Prosperous; spiritual fruits.
Rev. Ebenezer S. Jordan.....	Brownville, Me.....	July 1, 1877	12	150	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Emanuel Jose.....	Scott Precinct, Neb. (German); preaches at Pleasant Valley, Hastings and vicinity, Neb.....	Sept. 1, 1877	12	200	12	26	2	..	8	20	25 00	Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. Frederick W. Judiesch.....	Davenport, Iowa (German).....	July 1, 1877	12	150	12	64	..	..	..	95	58 35	Increasing religious interest.
Rev. George W. Kelley.....	Eastport, Me.....	July 1, 1877	12	150	9	68	12	16	1	50	....	Revival interest.
Rev. J. A. Kellogg.....	West Newfield, Me.....	May 10, 1877	12	150	10½	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Wilfred M. Kellogg.....	Vernon, Mich.....	Jan. 1, 1877	12	100	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	Self-supporting; resigned, Sept. 1, 1877.
Rev. Edward D. Kekey.....	Ashville, N. Y.....	Mar. 4, 1877	12	100	11	76	4	..	..	40	44 47	Self-sustaining.
Rev. George S. Kemp.....	West Newfield, Me.....	July 1, 1876	12	130	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	Left.
Rev. Cephas H. Kent.....	Ripton, Vt.....	June 1, 1877	12	200	12	60	..	..	..	65	107 06	Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. Robert Kerr.....	Webster Groves, Mo.....	Aug. 1, 1877	12	200	8	91	..	..	..	60	44 50	Revival.
Rev. Albaroni Kidder.....	Durand, Wis.....	Feb. 1, 1878	9	187	12	40	..	..	..	130	11 00	Preaches at Stanton, Pleasant Valley and out-station.
Rev. James W. Kidder.....	Norfolk, Neb.....	Sept. 1, 1877	12	300	12	33	..	..	..	60	..	Self-sustaining.
Rev. Josiah W. Kingsbury.....	North Reading, Mass.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	100	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Thomas C. Kinne.....	Two Rivers, Minn.....	Aug. 15, 1877	9	300	12	24	5	14	2	150	5 53	Preaches at Hay Creek, Star Lake, Bellevue and Langola.
Rev. Thomas Kinney.....	Patten, Me.....	July 1, 1876	12	100	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	Preaches at Happy Corner, Crystal, Mt. Hope and Hersey.
Rev. Addison D. Kinzer.....	Chapin, Iowa; preaches at Hampton.....	May 1, 1877	12	50	11	65	..	..	7	140	87 25	Prosperous; church at Hampton self-sustaining; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. Robert Kirk.....	Springfield, Dak.; preaches at Bon Homme and Niobrara.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	600	12	33	7	16	1	90	12 50	Sabbath-school organized; commencing to build.
Rev. Elias E. Kirkland.....	Otego Lake, Mich.....	Oct. 1, 1876	12	300	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	Preached at Bradford Lake; left.

<i>Rev. Daniel Kloss</i>	Highland, Kan.; preaches at White Cloud and White Eagle.	July 1, 1877	12	350	9	47	15	6	4	190	4 00	Work of grace; Sabbath-school organized.
<i>Rev. Merrick Knight</i>	New Hartford (South), Ct.	Jan. 1, 1878	12	350	12	109	1	..	..	100	38 75	
<i>Rev. David Knowles</i>	Grand River, Iowa.	Mar. 1, 1877	12	200	11	..	..	..	..	..	....	Preached at Center school-house and out-stations; left.
<i>Rev. Ludwick Kribs</i>	Park and Hawley, Minn.	July 1, 1877	12	350	12	49	15	5	1	80	10 25	Preaches at Egton.
<i>Rev. Henry D. Kutz</i>	Elkhart, Ind.	May 1, 1877	12	350	6	..	..	..	..	..	....	Resigned, Sept. 30, 1877.
<i>Rev. Alden Ladd</i>	Roxbury, Vt.	Oct. 1, 1877	12	300	12	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Rev. John W. Lane</i>	Plover, Wis.	Nov. 1, 1877	12	300	5	28	..	..	..	40	..	
<i>Rev. Joseph Lauman</i>	Woodland, Cal.	Dec. 1, 1876	6	100	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Rev. Nathaniel D. Lanphear</i>	Augusta and London, Mich.	Sept. 1, 1876	12	175	5	95	8	6	3	55	12 43	Revival; meeting-house repaired; left.
<i>Rev. J. H. Lavy</i>	Wilmet, N. H.	July 1, 1877	6	50	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Rev. James H. Leavitt</i>	Stowe, Me., and Chatham, N. H.	July 1, 1876	12	200	3	..	..	..	..	..	....	Closed labor.
<i>Rev. William Leavitt</i>	Fayette, Iowa.	Nov. 21, 1877	12	200	41	66	..	12	5	120	36 30	Church organized.
<i>Rev. John Le Bosquet</i>	Lempster, N. H.	May 1, 1877	12	150	12	52	..	2	..	40	32 38	Weakened.
<i>Rev. Henry Lees</i>	Waucoma, Iowa; preaches at Ft. Atkinson and Little Turkey.	Oct. 1, 1877	12	250	6	40	13	9	2	68	42 41	Series of extra meetings; blessed results.
<i>Rev. Hartford P. Leonard</i>	East Taunton, Mass.	Mar. 1, 1877	12	250	11	72	40	23	2	201	43 50	Powerful revival.
<i>Rev. Stephen C. Leonard</i>	Seymour, Ct.	Jan. 1, 1878	12	300	12	126	5	3	..	235	95 00	Meeting-house repaired.
<i>Rev. William Leonard</i>	North Rochester and Lakeville, Mass.	Sept. 1, 1877	12	350	7	53	24	30	12	70	67 00	Church organized.
<i>Rev. Richard Lewis</i>	Ludington, Mich.	Sept. 1, 1877	12	150	12	47	22	32	5	125	43 00	Decided advance; ingathering; one out-station.
<i>Rev. Samuel Lewis</i>	Lowell, Ohio.	July 1, 1877	6	25	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Rev. James D. Liggett</i>	Hiawatha, Kan.	Sept. 1, 1877	12	450	12	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln</i>	Harrison, Me.; preaches at North Bridgton.	July 1, 1877	12	100	12	50	10	3	1	66	7 07	Good progress; young man preparing for the ministry.
<i>Rev. William E. Lincoln</i>	New Rutland, Ill.	Oct. 8, 1876	6	100	1	37	6	7	6	25	....	Preaches in the vicinity.
<i>Rev. Ethna Linkletter</i>	Almira, Solon and Empire, Mich.	July 1, 1877	12	150	9	49	..	..	1	..	25 00	Sabbath-school organized.
<i>Rev. J. Lincoln Litch</i>	Monroe, N. H.	June 1, 1876	12	75	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Rev. Charles Little</i>	Lewis, Iowa.	Oct. 1, 1876	12	150	6	79	2	..	..	140	20 00	Self-sustaining; preaches at Bear Grove; missionary installed.
<i>Rev. Palmer Litts</i>	Lausling, Iowa.	Oct. 15, 1876	12	150	1	..	..	..	..	..	....	Preached at Milton; left.
<i>Rev. Albert Livermore</i>	New Richmond, Wis.	Sept. 1, 1876	12	200	5	..	..	..	..	..	....	Self-sustaining; preaches at Star Prairie; house of worship completed and dedicated.
<i>Rev. William W. Livingston</i>	Carver (North), Mass.	Aug. 1, 1877	12	150	12	58	69	51 25	Church edifice repaired.

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Rev. William A. Merrill..... M. M. S.	Sherman and Island Falls, Me.; preach- es at Silver Ridge, Golden Ridge, East Ridge and Stacyville.....	July 1, 1877 June 1, 1877	12 400 10 300		12 102 10 37		20 7	10 4	3 9	370 100	46 00 29 50	Revival; church and Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. Elbridge W. Merritt..... M. S. Mass. H. M. S.	Saratoga, Cal.....	July 1, 1876	12 400		3 11							Left.
Rev. William C. Merritt..... Do.	Pescadero, Cal.....	Nov. 1, 1877	12 400		5 11							Preaches at Fairview.
Rev. Royal D. Metcalf..... V. D. M. S.	Worcester, Vt.....	May 1, 1877	12 200		12 45	1		1	2	60	16 38	Left.
Rev. George Michael..... N. H. M. S.	Milton Mills, N. H.....	July 1, 1876	12 200		3							
Rev. Joseph D. Millard.....	Pleasanton, Bear Lake and Onkama, Mich.....	Jan. 1, 1877	12 300		9 21	2		2	4	50	48 00	Preaches at Portage and Springdale.
Rev. Elisha W. Miller.....	Big Rapids, Mich.....	Mar. 1, 1877	12 300		11 40	10		16	3	110	5 00	Work of grace.
Rev. Robert D. Miller..... V. D. M. S.	Hartland, Vt.....	May 1, 1877	12 200		12 46			6		70	61 50	Increased strength.
Rev. Thornton A. Mills.....	Maine and St. Olaf, Minn.; preaches at Pelican Lake and Pomme de Terre.....	Oct. 1, 1876	12 475		6 68	15		4	2	100	12 50	Young man preparing for the ministry; Sabbath-school organized; left.
Rev. Ovid Miner.....	Seneca Falls, N. Y.....	Dec. 12, 1876	12 300		8 1							Preaches in the vicinity.
Rev. Edward A. Mirick.....	Neodesha and Altoona, Kan.....	Jan. 21, 1877	3 100		1							Resigned, July 21, 1877.
Rev. Alfred H. Missildine..... Do.	Altoona and Buffalo, Kan.....	Apr. 21, 1877	9 300		2 1			1	9	100	11 00	Preaches at Knob school-house.
Rev. Charles L. Mitchell.....	Lebanon, Mo.....	Nov. 1, 1877	12 300		12 76	3		3	6	100	84 35	Sabbath-school organized; meeting-house re-paired.
Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell..... M. M. S.	Sedalia, Mo.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12 150		12 125							
Rev. Benjamin F. Monroe.....	Madison, Me.....	July 1, 1877	12 125		12							
Rev. Andrew Montgomery..... C. H. M. S.	Lost Nation, Iowa.....	June 12, 1876	12 175		2 1							Preaches in Berlin.
Rev. Howard Moody..... N. H. M. S.	Abington, Ct.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12 150		12 59	12		4	2	60	60 00	
Rev. Benjamin Moore.....	Andover, N. H.....	Jan. 1, 1877	12 200		9 30	7		1	2	50	30 00	
Rev. Daniel M. Moore.....	Middleville, Mich.....	Oct. 1, 1876	9 150		3							Self-sustaining.
Rev. Nathaniel S. Moore.....	Prairie Creek, Silver Creek and Clarks- ville, Neb.....	June 1, 1877	3 75		3							
Rev. Nathaniel S. Moore.....	West Yarmouth, Mass.....	Nov. 1, 1877	12 200		5 17					30		Advancing.

Rev. William E. B. Moore..... C. H. M. S.	Bolton, Ct.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	200	12	54	7	6	2	108	102 89	Young man preparing for the ministry.
Rev. Edward Morris..... MASS. H. M. S.	Caddo, Durant and Colbert, I. T.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	200	12	11	..	..	2	90	....	Church edifice enlarged.
Rev. Orlas S. Morris..... MASS. H. M. S.	Cummington (West), Mass.....	May 1, 1877	12	200	12	46	..	..	..	90	25 00	
Rev. Alfred Morse.....	Rose Creek, Minn.....	Nov. 1, 1877	12	175	12	18	2	..	1	80	24 31	Preaches at Nevada; Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. Leonard H. Moses.....	Walnut Station and Lamberton, Minn.....	Oct. 1, 1877	12	400	12	42	2	1	4	60	13 64	Left.
Rev. Ezra C. Moulton.....	Fayette and Lima, Iowa.....	June 1, 1876	12	200	1	60	6	4	..	75	34 92	
Rev. Frederick Munson..... C. H. M. S.	Haddam Neck, Ct.....	Jan. 1, 1877	12	400	9	60	..	..	..	80	20 00	Preaches at Newbury and Jaketown.
Rev. Hiram Myers.....	Alma and Dover, Kan.....	May 15, 1877	12	300	12	91	..	7	6	120	30 00	Interesting revival.
Rev. Osborn Myrick..... V. D. M. S.	Middletown, Vt.....	Nov. 1, 1877	12	150	12	52	50	4	..	..	..	6 75 Preaches at Fruitport. Four out-stations.
Rev. Nicholas Neerken.....	Nunica, Mich.....	Feb. 1, 1877	6	150	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 50 Preaches at Wilmington and five out-stations.
Rev. Luther Newcomb..... Do.	Stranger and Tiblow, Kan.....	Aug. 1, 1876	12	400	1	28	..	2	2	75	..	Preaches at Boyne Falls, Deer Lake, Cascade, Kearney and Wilkes; church and Sabbath- school organized.
Rev. Thomas Nield.....	Gaylord, Mich.....	Aug. 27, 1877	12	400	12	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Edward W. Noble..... MASS. H. M. S.	Truro, Mass.....	Mar. 1, 1877	12	200	11	78	..	..	..	80	50 00	
Rev. Flavius V. Norcross..... M. M. S.	Union, Me.....	July 1, 1877	12	150	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	Preaches in Washington and East Union.
Rev. Lanson P. Norcross.....	Deadwood (Black Hills), Dakota.....	Nov. 10, 1877	5	333 30	12	19	..	..	8	100	..	Preaches at out-stations; house of worship built.
Rev. Austin H. Norris.....	Clare, Mich.....	Sept. 1, 1877	8	200	12	49	50	28	4	110	30 00	Ingathering.
Rev. John S. Norris.....	Hixton, Wis.....	Feb. 1, 1878	12	350	12	67	18	..	8	91	5 00	Revival; church organized; house of worship completed and dedicated.
Rev. Thomas F. Norris..... M. M. S.	Alton, Me.....	July 1, 1877	3	96	6	..	20	..	..	25	39 65	Work of grace; Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. Charles A. Northrop..... C. H. M. S.	Georgetown, Ct.....	Jan. 1, 1878	12	200	3	79	..	..	..	105	9 26	Increasing religious interest.
Rev. Thomas S. Norton..... MASS. H. M. S.	Prescott, Mass.....	Sept. 1, 1877	12	100	12	49	..	..	1	60	30 00	Several out-stations.
Rev. William W. Norton.....	Alexandria, Minn.....	May 1, 1876	12	350	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	Preached at Carlos and Ada; left.
Rev. James Oakley.....	Elk Point, Dakota.....	Sept. 4, 1876	12	350	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	Left.
Rev. David J. Ogden.....	Tolland, Mass.....	May 1, 1877	12	100	12	44	4	..	..	40	24 25	Church edifice repaired.
Rev. Frank B. Ods..... MASS. H. M. S.	Pottsville, Mich.....	Sept. 1, 1877	12	100	12	34	6	9	..	100	17 50	Church edifice repaired.
Rev. Henry H. Olds..... MASS. H. M. S.	Shutesbury, Mass.....	June 1, 1876	12	200	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. William E. Oleson..... O. H. M. S.	Gambier, Ohio.....	Sept. 1, 1877	12	250	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Charles H. Oliphant.....	Orange, N. J.....	May 1, 1877	12	200	12	60	8	8	3	40	10 50	Church edifice built.
Rev. Samuel Ollerenshaw.....	Laclede and Meadville, Mo.....	May 1, 1877	12	350	12	81	5	1	..	183	42 75	Signs of awakening; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. Frederick W. Oimsted..... V. D. M. S.	Williston, Vt.....	July 1, 1877	12	100	9	66	..	..	..	45	39 53	Chapel repaired.

Rev. Richard Redcoff.....	Rockford, Mich.....	Mar. 1, 1878	12	200	12	49	1	3	4	62	13	60	Preaches at Courtland; Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. Charles Redfield.....	Plainfield, Vt.....	June 1, 1876	12	200	2	43	1	..	..	75	....	....	Closed labor.
Rev. Amos Redlon.....	Abbot Village, Me.....	July 1, 1877	12	300	12	36	..	6	..	60	29	50	
Rev. Glover C. Reed.....	Alliance, Ohio.....	June 1, 1876	12	200	2								
Rev. Henry Rees.....	Dry Creek and Emporia, Kan. (Welsh).....	Aug. 10, 1876	12	75	4		..	..	..	35	....	....	Self-sustaining; preaches at Coal Creek.
Rev. Jacob Reuth.....	Sherill's Mount, Iowa (German).....	Oct. 1, 1877	12	150	12	30	..	..	..	40	77	50	House of worship repaired.
Rev. John Rice.....	Hematite, Mo.....	July 1, 1877	12	200	9	41	8	8	1	40	....	....	Preaches at Sandley and Vineland; two Sabbath-schools organized.
Rev. Jehiel S. Richards.....	Dexter, Me.....	July 1, 1877	12	200	12	51	2	..	2	50	20	00	Preaches at South Ridge.
Rev. Jarvis Richards.....	Princeton, Minn.....	June 30, 1877	3	75	3	32	1	2	..	152	....	....	Left the State.
Rev. John L. Richards.....	South Danville, Ill. (Welsh).....	Sept. 13, 1877	12	200	6	21	2	..	..	40	15	00	Much destitution.
Rev. William M. Richards.....	Princeton, Wis.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	200	12	28	2	3	..	40	30	23	Steady work; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. Albert M. Richardson.....	North Lawrence and Barker, Kan.....	Sept. 1, 1877	12	400	12	111	7	13	10	150	9	73	Fields ready for the sower; Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. Charles A. Richardson.....	Cottonwood Falls and Elm Dale, Kan.....	Sept. 1, 1877	12	400	12	111	7	13	10	150	9	73	Fields ready for the sower; Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. Chauncey J. Richardson.....	preaches at Prairie Hill and Diamond Center.....	Sept. 1, 1877	12	350	12	37	..	10	2	135	9	73	Fields ready for the sower; Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. Gilbert E. Richardson.....	Rockwell, Iowa.....	Jan. 1, 1876	12	250	3	16	..	..	..	80	....	....	Preaches at Friendly.
Rev. John W. Richardson.....	H.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	150	12	131	2	..	..	145	171	85	
Rev. Nathaniel Richardson.....	Yates Center and Verdigris Falls, Kan.....	Mar. 8, 1877	12	450	11	31	..	..	8	75	10	00	Increased work; young man preparing for the ministry; Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. C. H. Ricketts.....	Gloucester (West) and Magnolia, Mass.....	May 1, 1877	12	200	12	31	5	..	..	65	34	00	Special religious interest; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. Morchant S. Riddle.....	East Calais, Vt.....	Aug. 12, 1877	2	23	2	..	1	..	..	25	....	....	Left.
Rev. Jacob P. Radinger.....	Cedar Narrows, Cow Run, Lawrence, and Stantysville, Ohio.....	Oct. 1, 1877	12	100	6	136	7	4	..	300	14	00	Revival.
Rev. George Riddle.....	Kirtland, Ohio.....	Sept. 1, 1877	12	150	7	50	3	4	5	55	18	45	Young man preparing for the ministry.
Rev. Horace H. Robbins.....	Williamsburg, Iowa.....	July 22, 1877	12	250	12	65	14	8	3	50	17	10	Parsonage built.
Rev. Hyram P. Roberts.....	Alden and Buckeye, Iowa.....	June 1, 1876	12	250	2		..	..	..	..	....	....	Preaches at Otisville; left.
Rev. Thomas S. Robie.....	Stuart, Iowa.....	May 6, 1877	5	100	5		..	..	..	..	....	....	Left.
Rev. George Rodgers.....	Winchendon, Mass.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	200	8	62	..	..	..	25	103	47	Left.
Rev. Alva D. Roe.....	Gilmanton Iron Works, N. H.....	July 1, 1876	12	100	3								
Rev. Charles H. Rogers.....	Afton and Lakeland, Minn.....	May 1, 1877	12	250	12								
Rev. Enoch E. Rogers.....	Lansing, Iowa.....	May 15, 1877	12	200	10								
Rev. Edward W. Root.....	Eureka, Kan.....	June 1, 1876	12	400	2		Preached at Hodgson; left the State.
	Chenango Forks, N. Y.....	Sept. 1, 1876	12	150	5								

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Rev. James P. Root. R. I. H. M. S.	Cranston, R. I.	Apr. 1, 1877	12	400	12	33	90	10 00	Revival in progress.
Rev. Samuel E. Rosboro.	Moffatt, Tenn.	May 1, 1877	12	300	11	17	..	6	..	20	....	Encouraging Sabbath-school work; preaches at Cowan.
Rev. Luman P. Rose.	East Gilead and Bethel, Mich., and Jamestown, Ind.	Sept. 1, 1877	12	200	12	89	4	13	2	215	31 32	Preaches at Lake Gage; three Sabbath-schools organized.
Rev. David W. Rosenkrans.	Little Falls and Belle Prairie, Minn.	Apr. 30, 1877	12	400	12	37	..	..	..	75	5 00	Steady effort; hopeful; preaches at Buckman and Green Prairie.
Rev. Joseph S. Rounce. Do.	Panldingville, Mo.	May 12, 1876	12	250	11	46	8	8	3	75	5 00	Preaches at Dardenne and Hutchinson.
Rev. Samuel Rowland.	St. Charles Co., Mo.	May 12, 1877	12	250	11	16	..	..	..	40	....	Preaches at Fentonville; Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. George B. Rowley.	Gouldtown, Pa.	Nov. 1, 1877	12	75	5	16	..	..	..	..	....	Preaches at Raymondville and out-stations.
Rev. Loveland T. Rowley.	Norfolk, N. Y.	June 1, 1876	12	100	2	..	..	..	..	..	....
	Crawfordville and Hillsboro, Iowa; preaches at Wayne and Salem.	Mar. 1, 1878	12	50	12	164	9	..	..	310	61 80	Wayne and Crawfordville self-sustaining; Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. Milton Rowley.	Evansville, Wis.	Aug. 1, 1877	12	100	4	63	..	..	..	75	76 50	Hopeful; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. Charles E. Riddick. O. H. M. S.	Collinwood, Ohio.	Sept. 1, 1877	12	200	6	57	37	37	20	100	....	Spiritual gains; chapel built and dedicated.
Rev. Charles A. Riddock.	Granite Falls, Minn.	Mar. 9, 1878	6	200	6	22	7	1	3	20	....	Brighter outlook.
Rev. Edward N. Riddock.	Aurora, Pine River and Poysippi, Wis.; preaches at Saxville and Ter-riville.	Oct. 10, 1877	12	250	12	93	25	28	5	175	30 00	Young man preparing for the ministry; Sabbath-school organized; two chapels provided.
Rev. William P. Russell.	Memphis, Mich.	May 15, 1876	12	100	14	..	..	..	..	..	....	Self-sustaining; preaches at Richmond and Kelley.
Rev. Henry F. Rustedt. V. D. M. S.	Sudbury, Vt.	Sept. 1, 1876	12	200	5	19	..	..	..	15	....	Missionary left, Sept. 1, after twenty years' service.
Rev. John C. Rybolt. Do.	Oakalla, Ill.	July 9, 1876	12	300	11	11	..	1	..	50	13 50	Much opposition; house of worship repaired; one out-station.
Rev. Joel G. Sablin.	Mukwonago, Wis.	Apr. 8, 1877	12	150	11	..	..	..	..	..	5 00	Young man preparing for the ministry.
Rev. Albert A. Safford.	Reedsburg, Oak Hill and Ironton, Wis.	June 1, 1877	12	300	10	53	4	..	..	110	13 54	Two out-stations.
Rev. Albert W. Safford.	Kewanee, Wis.	Oct. 8, 1877	12	300	12	11	..	2	..	108	....	Missionary left.
Rev. Heman Safford.	Ogden, Utah.	Aug. 22, 1876	12	700	5	..	3	3	..	75	49 50	Young man preparing for the ministry.
Rev. H. Henry Sallenbach.	West Rosendale and Metomen, Wis.	Mar. 1, 1877	12	300	11	54	..	..	..	..	25 00	Church and Sabbath-school organized; house of worship built.
	Lincoln, Neb. (German); preaches at Steven's Creek.	Sept. 1, 1877	12	275	12	24	..	7	..	27	....

Rev. Robert Samuel.	Cawker City, Kan.	Aug. 1, 1877	12	500	12	18	..	4	1	90	5 00	Two Sabbath-schools organized; meeting-houses repaired; one out-station.
Rev. Clarendon M. Sanders.	Cheyenne, Wyoming.	Aug. 1, 1877	12	500	12	44	8	5	3	150	41 00	Church edifice repaired.
Rev. John D. Sands.	Belmond and Clarion, Iowa; preaches at Goldfield, Eagle Grove, Amsterdam, Hickory Grove, Lone Tree and Straw Valley.	Aug. 1, 1877	12	200	12	47	3	3	..	220	34 12	Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. William C. Sanford.	Oak Grove, Wis.	May 1, 1877	12	200	12	74	20	19	..	105	32 84	A good increase; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. John R. Savage.	Kalkaska and Manton, Mich.	Nov. 1, 1876	12	450	7	83	1	5	..	90	15 50	Sabbath-school organized; preaches at Midway; chapel repaired.
Rev. John Schaefer.	La Grange and Palmyra, Mo. (German).	Nov. 1, 1877	12	160	12	53	22	16	3	100	41 20	Revival; church and three Sabbath schools organized; six out-stations.
Rev. John B. Schlichter.	North Fork, Allegan and Reno Co., Kan.	Mar. 1, 1877	12	500	11	49	..	..	..	60	30 50	Young man preparing for the ministry; good prospects; meeting-house repaired.
Rev. George Schlosser.	Ashkum, Ill.	Mar. 1, 1878	3	75	12	34	..	2	..	110	..	Sabbath-school organized; left.
Rev. Charles M. Schwarzauer.	East Eddington and Kingman, Me.	June 10, 1877	34	75	34	..	..	..	..	..	54 65	A good increase.
Rev. Abishaal Scofield.	Hartford, Wis.	Nov. 1, 1877	12	200	12	67	15	9	2	100	..	Missionary left.
Rev. Henry C. Scofield.	North Topeka, Kan.	Sept. 1, 1876	12	400	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	Left.
Rev. John Scofield.	Louisville, Kan.	Sept. 1, 1876	12	380	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Darius B. Scott.	Milton Mills, N. H.	Aug. 1, 1877	12	150	8	39	2	3	2	56	..	..
Rev. John Scott.	Hinckley and Brunswick, Ohio.	July 1, 1877	6	25	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Nelson Scott.	Granville (East), Mass.	Apr. 1, 1877	12	100	12	..	..	..	..	231	8 00	..
Rev. Leonard M. Scribner.	St. Mary's and Maple Hill, Kan.	Aug. 1, 1877	12	300	12	40	..	2	..	60	11 00	..
Rev. James C. Seagrave.	Haverhill, Mass.	Apr. 1, 1877	12	400	12	23	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Charles H. Seaver.	Whitehall, Mich.	Mar. 1, 1877	12	400	11	57	19	9	139	51 79	More than usual religious interest; chapel repaired.	
Rev. Charles Seccombe.	Strahmburg, Neb.	Aug. 1, 1877	12	500	12	14	1	1	..	50	20 00	Preaches at St. Helena, Blyville and Frankfort; Sabbath-school organized.
Rev. William S. Sewall.	St. Albans, Me.	July 1, 1877	12	50	12	18	5	..	..	105	7 70	Series of extra meetings.
Rev. A. L. Seaward.	Oakdale, Cedar Creek and Orford, Neb.	June 4, 1877	3	75	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Charles N. Seymour.	Tolland, Ct.	Jan. 1, 1878	12	200	12	69	20	5	1	60	108 72	Spiritual refreshing; young man preparing for the ministry.
Rev. Joel M. Seymour.	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Apr. 1, 1877	12	150	12	81	3	6	3	156	48 00	Bright outlook.
Rev. Oscar J. Sharon.	Emporia, Kan.	Oct. 29, 1877	12	250	12	82	3	3	3	90	55 00	..
Rev. Edwin W. Shaw.	Saranac, Mich.	Aug. 7, 1877	12	275	12	24	10	1	3	..	35 00	Preaches at Keene.
Rev. Horatio W. Shaw.	Sacetta, Kan.	Oct. 20, 1877	12	175	12	80	..	..	2	100	..	More hopeful.
Rev. Stewart Sheldon.	Gen. Miss. in Dakota.	June 12, 1876	12	1200	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Eugene L. Sherman.	Prairie City and Mount Prairie, Iowa.	June 12, 1877	5	500	5	70	..	3	5	75	41 00	Meeting-house repaired.
Rev. Floyd E. Sherman.	Quindaro and Wyandotte Forest, Kan.	Aug. 1, 1876	12	400	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	Missionary left.
Rev. Dana Sherrill.	Forest, Ill.	Sept. 1, 1876	12	150	12	96	10	13	4	150	76 50	Preaches at South Forest.
Rev. Franklin G. Sherrill.	White City, Kan.	Oct. 1, 1877	12	450	12	33	2	1	5	60	17 20	Preaches at Walker.
Rev. A. T. Sherwin.	Pleasant Hill, Wis.	Feb. 17, 1878	9	125	14	96	..	..	..	..	..	..

Missionaries.	Congregations and Missionary Districts.	Dates of Commissions.	Length of Com.	Dollars of Aid	Months of Labor Performed.	No. of Church Members.	Hopeful Conversions.	Added to Church.	Contributions to Benev. Objects.	Other Particulars.
								By Letter.	No. of Sabbath-school Scholars.	
<i>Rev. Samuel B. Shipman</i> O. H. M. S.	Cleveland, Ohio.....	Jan. 1, 1877	12	250	9	58	19	19	10	18 76
<i>Rev. Albert D. Shockley</i> M. M. S.	Blue Ridge and vicinity, Kan.....	Jan. 1, 1878	6	200	8	26	..	..	..	Preaches at Cooper and Amos.
<i>Rev. W. Gleason Shoppé</i> M. M. S.	East Madison, Me.....	June 10, 1877	3½	130	3½	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Rev. Lewis E. Sikes</i> Rev. Henry C. Simmons.....	Clear Creek and Pleasant Hill, Kan.....	June 11, 1876	12	325	24	..	..	..	..	Preached at two out-stations; left.
<i>Rev. Adam Simpson</i> M. M. S.	Marshall, Minn.; preaches at Swan Lake, Underwood and Nordland.....	Sept. 1, 1877	12	400	12	74	12	8	6	41 80 Preparing to build.
<i>Rev. Charles N. Sennett</i> M. M. S.	Fairmont, Minn.....	May 21, 1877	12	500	104	85	..	33	11	20 00 Preached at Westford and Chain Lakes Center; resigned, April 1, 1878.
<i>Rev. William H. Skeutclbury</i> M. M. S.	Port Fairfield, Me.; preaches at Union, Marshall and Ames.....	July 1, 1877	12	350	9	56	20	15	5	..
<i>Rev. Etisha Skinner</i> M. M. S.	Waconata, Mich.....	Nov. 1, 1877	12	75	12	70	7	8	100	Revival; young man preparing for the ministry; Sabbath-school organized.
<i>Rev. Edward Skinner</i> Do.	Patten, Me.....	July 1, 1877	12	100	9	37	..	..	80	Advance; Sabbath-school organized; three out-stations.
<i>Rev. George W. Skinner</i> Do.	Milford, Kan.....	May 1, 1877	12	250	12	..	..	..	..	Revival in progress; preaches at Crystal, Mt. Chase and Golden Ridge.
<i>Rev. A. H. Sloat</i> Do.	Valley Brook, Kan.....	Jan. 27, 1877	6	200	4	..	..	..	..	Five out-stations.
<i>Rev. Seneca S. Slyter</i> Do.	Hamlin and Fairview, Kan.....	Jan. 10, 1878	12	400	2½	82	9	9	3	24 00 Preaches in Pleasant Valley and Salem Hall. Preaches at Rock Creek; preparing to build a house of worship.
<i>Rev. Uriah W. Small</i> M. M. S.	Pierce City, Mo.....	Apr. 1, 1877	5	125	5	..	..	..	..	Left.
<i>Rev. Andrew J. Smith</i> M. M. S.	Smyrna, Mich.....	Oct. 10, 1876	12	150	24	..	..	..	..	Preached at Alton; resigned, June 10, 1877.
<i>Rev. Charles B. Smith</i> MASS. H. M. S.	Nunica and Fruitport, Mich.....	Aug. 1, 1877	12	350	8	37	5	3	3	Growing religious interest; meeting-house repaired.
<i>Rev. Emerson F. Smith</i> Do.	Wilton, Me.....	July 1, 1877	12	150	12	86	..	4	2	40 00
<i>Rev. Ezra N. Smith</i> M. M. S.	Neosho, Mo.....	May 20, 1877	12	225	12	69	1	2	..	68 13 Sabbath-school organized; five out-stations.
<i>Rev. George Smith</i> N. H. M. S.	East Walpole and Islington, Mass.....	June 1, 1877	12	400	12	19	..	..	55	23 00
<i>Rev. George Smith</i> Do.	Junata and Hazel Dell, Neb.....	June 1, 1877	4	125	6	..	..	..	..	Preached at Pease school-house; left.
<i>Rev. George Smith</i> Do.	Wellsville, Kan.....	Dec. 1, 1877	6	200	4	36	1	5	2	40
<i>Rev. George Smith</i> Do.	Solon, Me.....	July 1, 1876	12	250	3	..	..	..	..	Left.
<i>Rev. George Smith</i> Do.	Hanover Center, N. H.....	Apr. 1, 1877	12	100	12	106	1	..	80	35 72 Spirit of inquiry awakened.
<i>Rev. George Smith</i> Do.	Geneseo, Wis.....	May 1, 1877	6	50	6	..	..	..	..	..

Rev. Henry O. Thayer. M. M. S.	Woolwich, Me.	July 1, 1877	12	100	12	80	1	..	..	90	37 75	
Rev. Peter B. Thayer. M. M. S.	Garland, Me.	July 1, 1877	12	150	12	..	..	4	68	7 00	Sabbath-school organized; preaches at Wiggins.	
Rev. David Thomas. M. M. S.	Canton, Dakota.	Mar. 1, 1877	12	400	11	22	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Lewis J. Thomas. M. M. S.	Oldtown, Me.	June 10, 1877	12	170	64	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Ozo A. Thomas. Do.	Holden and Dedham, Me.	Jan. 1, 1878	6	50	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Robert D. Thomas. M. M. S.	Sugar Grove and Farmington, Pa.	Apr. 1, 1877	12	100	12	96	3	4	75	18 30	Signs of promise; Sabbath-school organized.	
Rev. Arthur M. Thome. M. M. S.	Knoxville, Tenn. (Welsh and English).	Jan. 1, 1878	12	200	3	40	..	1	4	50	7 00	
Rev. Albert H. Thompson. M. M. S.	Memphis, Mo.	July 1, 1877	12	300	12	58	..	4	4	50	18 00	
Rev. Howard S. Thompson. M. M. S.	Bingham, Me.	July 1, 1877	12	200	11	57	5	4	1	120	..	More hopeful.
Rev. J. Charles Thompson. M. M. S.	Kellogg, Iowa.	Sept. 1, 1877	12	300	12	72	10	3	75	80 00	Preaches at two out-stations.	
Rev. Nathan Thompson. MASS. H. M. S.	Genesee and Mt. Morris, Mich.	May 1, 1876	12	175	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Samuel H. Thompson. MASS. H. M. S.	Boxboro and South Acton, Mass.	May 1, 1877	12	400	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	Church and Sabbath-school organized; church edifice repaired.
Rev. William S. Thompson. M. M. S.	Cora, Smith Center and Harlan, Kan.	Sept. 9, 1877	12	450	7	33	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Joseph B. Thrall. V. D. M. S.	Acton, Me.	July 1, 1877	12	125	12	59	..	1	70	38 50	..	
Rev. Henry W. L. Thurston. N. H. M. S.	East Braintree and West Brookfield, Vt.	May 25, 1877	4	64	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. John H. Thyng. V. D. M. S.	Goshen and Harrisville, N. H.	May 1, 1877	12	150	12	70	2	3	2	120	24 20	Barriers in the way.
Rev. Jackson Tobbs. V. D. M. S.	Hubbardton, Vt.	June 1, 1877	12	150	10	42	20	3	..	90	6 00	Interesting revival.
Rev. Edwin S. Tingley. M. M. S.	Kaukauna and Freedom, Wis.	Nov. 1, 1877	12	350	12	48	5	8	2	80	19 75	Sabbath-school organized; church edifice in course of erection.
Rev. Isaac F. Tobey. M. M. S.	Turner, Me.	July 1, 1877	12	125	9	107	16	6	..	100	..	Hopeful.
Rev. Alvin E. Todd. M. M. S.	Brownsdale, Minn.	Mar. 1, 1877	12	400	11	21	..	1	4	40	25 00	House of worship provided; closed labor.
Rev. Charles L. Tomblin. N. H. M. S.	Stuart, Iowa.	Oct. 7, 1876	12	350	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	Resigned.
Rev. George T. Tompkins. M. M. S.	Albert Lea, Minn.	Jan. 10, 1877	12	600	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	Resigned, Nov. 1, 1877.
Rev. Charles A. Towle. M. M. S.	Gilmanton Iron Works, N. H.	July 1, 1877	12	100	9	107	..	..	..	65	40 00	..
Rev. Thomas Towler. M. M. S.	Magnolia, Iowa.	June 1, 1877	12	250	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Charles T. Tracy. MASS. H. M. S.	Chicago, Ill.	Apr. 1, 1877	12	400	12	115	19	21	6	400	68 06	Spiritual awakening.
Rev. John P. Trowbridge. M. M. S.	Hart, Mich.	July 10, 1877	9	150	12	12	..	..	..	40	4 00	More hopeful.
Rev. Josiah W. Turner. O. H. M. S.	Fort Jones, Cal.	Apr. 1, 1877	6	200	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	Preaches at Oro Fino, Calahan's and Hays' school-house.
Rev. Melville M. Tracy. MASS. H. M. S.	Three Rivers (Palmer), Mass.	May 1, 1877	12	100	11	48	6	2	10	100	35 00	Church edifice built.
Rev. John P. Trowbridge. M. M. S.	Standish, Me.	July 1, 1877	12	150	12	48	1	..	..	50	56 91	Three Sabbath-schools organized.
Rev. Josiah W. Turner. O. H. M. S.	Collinwood, Ohio.	July 1, 1876	12	150	3	..	..	..	..	..	..

Missionaries.	Congregations and Missionary Districts.	Dates of Commissions.	Length of Com.	Dollars of Aid	Months of Labor	No. of Church Members.	No. of Church Members.	Hopeful Converts.	On Exam.	By Letter.	No. of Sabbath-school Scholars.	Contributions to Bener. Objects.	Other Particulars.
Rev. Edward B. Tuthill.....	Martinez, Cal.....	Jan. 15, 1877.....	12	200	12	75	..	..	..	4	75	28 10	Preaches in Pacheco.
Rev. Harmon B. Tuttle.....	Worthington, Minn.....	Dec. 1, 1877.....	6	150	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Heavy tide of immigration.
Rev. Amory H. Tyler.....	Monson, Me.....	July 1, 1876.....	12	300	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
M. M. S.													
Rev. John R. Upton.....	Spirit Lake and Lakeville, Iowa.....	Sept. 1, 1877.....	12	100	12	10	..	..	..	..	150	4 00	Gaining strength.
Rev. Thomas P. Vaill.....	Orange, Vt.....	June 1, 1876.....	12	300	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
V. D. M. S.													..
Rev. William K. Vaill.....	Packardville and Pelham, Mass.....	Sept. 1, 1877.....	12	200	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Fletcher A. Valentine.....	Holden, Me.....	Sept. 17, 1876.....	9	76	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
M. M. S.													..
Rev. Do.													..
Rev. Peter Valentine.....	Lewis, N. Y.....	Jan. 12, 1878.....	12	125	3	60	5	..	3	..	65	2 50	Favorable signs.
Rev. Guy Van de Kreeke.....	Gay's Mills, Wis.....	Nov. 1, 1877.....	12	175	12	30	1	..	..	..	136	20 75	Preaches also at Seneca; Sabbath-school organized.
MASS. H. M. S.													..
Rev. Mahlon Van Horn.....	Boston (Holland ch.), Mass.....	June 1, 1877.....	12	300	12	43	11	..	4	..	101	177 85	Tokens of the Spirit's presence.
R. I. H. M. S.													..
Rev. James M. Van Wagner.....	Newport, R. I. (colored).....	July 1, 1877.....	12	400	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. John Vassar.....	Paris, Texas.....	Jan. 1, 1877.....	12	400	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Resigned, July 1, 1877.
M. M. S.													..
Rev. Christian F. Veitz.....	Washington County, Me.....	July 1, 1877.....	3	159	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. John Vetter.....	Crete and vicinity, Neb. (German).....	Nov. 1, 1877.....	12	350	12	51	3	..	3	..	10	44 00	Church edifice repaired.
Rev. Christopher S. Vincent.....	Sedgewick and Lakim, Kan.....	Oct. 19, 1877.....	6	200	12	71	8	..	1	..	90	4 96	Self sustaining.
M. M. S.													..
Rev. Samuel L. Vincent.....	Sinclairville, N. Y.....	Feb. 4, 1877.....	12	200	9	36	..	..	23	..	100	10 00	Revival; fields white for the harvest.
Rev. George W. Wainwright.....	Anberst and Aurora, Me.....	May 20, 1877.....	4 1/2	135	4 1/2	71	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rev. Foster R. Wait.....	Franksville, Wis.....	May 1, 1877.....	12	150	12	88	4	..	1	..	90	44 52	Preaches at Raymond.
C. H. M. S.													Revival commenced.
Rev. Hiram H. Waite.....	Oxford, Ct.....	Jan. 1, 1878.....	12	200	3	82	..	..	..	..	85	..	..
Rev. Levi F. Waldo.....	Jersey City, N. J.....	Mar. 1, 1878.....	12	350	12	75	20	15	3	250	17 83	..	Tokens of the Spirit's presence.
Do.	Frankfort, Mich.....	July 1, 1876.....	12	400	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Shelby, Mich.; preaches at Marshville and Grant.....												..
Rev. Fred H. Wales.....	Rocklin, Cal.....	Oct. 18, 1877.....	9	125	8 1/2	50	5	..	..	..	2	100	Sabbath-school organized; house of worship repaired; resigned, April 1, 1878.
Rev. Joseph N. Walker.....	South Franklin, Mass.....	Feb. 1, 1877.....	12	400	10	19	1	..	10	4	95	5 00	Church edifice repaired.
MASS. H. M. S.													..
Rev. Hugh C. Walshe.....	Pescadero, Cal.....	June 1, 1877.....	12	200	10	29	7	2	40	84 00	Meeting-house repaired.
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													Preached at San Gregorio; left the country.

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

The number of ministers of the gospel in the service of the Society, the last year, whose names are found in the General Table, commencing on page 13, together with those engaged in superintending the work, is 996.

Of these, 787 were in commission at the date of the last Report, and 209 have since been appointed.

They have been distributed in 32 States and Territories, as follows: In Maine, 83; New Hampshire, 49; Vermont, 57; Massachusetts, 76; Rhode Island, 7; Connecticut, 44; New York, 57; New Jersey, 6; Pennsylvania, 7; Virginia, 1; West Virginia, 2; Texas, 2; Indian Ter., 1; Tennessee, 2; Ohio, 26; Indiana, 8; Illinois, 44; Missouri, 32; Michigan, 85; Wisconsin, 66; Iowa, 89; Minnesota, 55; Kansas, 91; Nebraska, 52; Dakota, 8; Colorado, 6; Wyoming, 1; Utah, 2; Nevada, 1; California, 27; Oregon, 6; Washington, 3.

This distribution gives to the New England States, 316; Middle States, 70; Southern States, 6; Western States and Territories, including 36 on the Pacific coast, 604.

Of the whole number in commission, 435 have been *pastors* or *stated supplies* of single congregations; 295 have ministered to two or three congregations each; and 266 have extended their labors over still wider fields.

The aggregate of *ministerial labor* performed is 739 years.

The number of *congregations* and *missionary districts* which have been fully supplied, or where the gospel has been preached at stated intervals, is 2,237.

Three missionaries have been in commission as *pastors* or *stated supplies* of congregations of *colored* people, and 33 have preached in foreign languages: 18 to *Welsh* congregations, 12 to *German* congregations, one to a *French* congregation, and one to a congregation of *Swedes*.

The number of *Sabbath-school* and *Bible-class scholars* is not far from 91,762.

The *contributions to benevolent objects*, reported by 570 missionaries, amount to \$21,159.92.

Ninety-nine missionaries make mention of *revivals* of religion during the year, in some of which there have been 80, 75, 68, 60, 55, and 50 hopeful conversions. In 126 instances, the number of reported converts exceeds ten; and the number reported by 451 missionaries is 4,572.

The *additions to the churches*, as nearly as can be ascertained, have been 7,578, namely: 5,027 on profession of faith, and 2,551 by letters from other churches.

Forty-seven churches have been *organized*, in connection with the labors of the missionaries, during the year, and *forty-six* have assumed the entire support of their own gospel ordinances.

Twenty-eight houses of worship have been completed ; one hundred and ten repaired or improved ; and the building of twenty others commenced. Seventy-four young men, in connection with the missionary churches, are reported as in different stages of preparation for the gospel ministry.

THE TREASURY.

RESOURCES.—The balance in the Treasury, April 1, 1877, was \$94.62. The *receipts* for the succeeding twelve months have been \$284,486.44—making the resources for the year \$284,581.06.

LIABILITIES.—There was due to missionaries, at the close of the last year, \$7,897.38. There has since become due, \$291,950.10—making the total liabilities \$299,847.48.

PAYMENTS.—Of this sum \$284,540.71 have been paid, leaving \$15,306.77 still due to the missionaries for labor performed. In addition to these past dues, appropriations already made, and daily becoming due, amount to \$76,028.60, making the total of pledges \$91,335.37, toward canceling which there is a *balance* in the Treasury of \$40.35.

COMPARATIVE RESULTS.

A comparison of these results with those of the previous year shows that the number of missionaries employed has been precisely the same, and that they have labored in the same number of States and Territories. Not as many, by 42, have confined themselves to a single church ; 25 more have cared for two or three congregations each, and 26 more have taken oversight of still larger fields. The aggregate of ministerial labor is greater by 12 years, and 41 more fields have been supplied. The number of Sunday-school scholars has been increased by 5,462 ; and, despite the financial depression, the contributions of the aided churches for benevolent objects are not less, but greater. The number of missionaries reporting revivals of religion is fewer by 82, and the reported additions to the churches are fewer by 487. This decrease is largely due to the fact that, over a large part of the Western country, the mild winter and spring have made the roads almost impassable, and prevented the holding of special meetings for united prayer and labor. The number of churches organized is smaller by 25 ; but 19 more than last year have assumed the unaided support of their ministers.

The receipts of the treasury have been less by \$9,226.18 ; not so great a falling-off as was feared in this fourth year of financial distress, yet large enough seriously to hinder needed work that had been planned for the frontier. It is gratifying to know that the income from living givers has been larger, by more than \$9,200, although the legacies have fallen off nearly \$20,400.

The work has been greatly aided, as in past years, by gifts

mainly from the Christian women of our Eastern and Western churches—of “missionary boxes,” filled with clothing, books, and various family supplies, which, not passing through the Treasury, are not comprised in the yearly financial statement. These “outside gifts” have been, if possible, even more welcome and helpful than in the previous year; since another twelvemonth of pecuniary stringency had exhausted the small store of such of the missionaries as had been able to lay by something from their earnings, and still more severely pinched those who had nothing in reserve. To such, these tokens of remembrance from more favored friends in the older States come, in many cases, like direct Divine interpositions for their relief from impending distress that seemed inevitable. The amount so furnished does not materially differ from that of the year before—upward of \$60,000—and carries up the actual outlay of the Society, in the prosecution of its work, to more than \$345,000 for the year.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

The Sunday-school Department was organized but little more than a year ago. In this short period it has come to be felt as a generous helper of the young, *in nineteen different States and Territories*. From the coasts of Maine all across the broad continent to the shores of the Pacific, it has been placing Sunday-school papers and libraries in the eager hands of thousands of poor children and waiting youth. Lesson-Leaves, songs and music, picture papers, and winsome religious books—these have all been going forth, a blessed stream of mercy, as the gift of those who, in their own young days, had thus been led to Christ.

The resources for the work have, indeed, not yet proved what we had expected—reasonably expected, as we thought—the total amount being a little less than \$3,000. But the Society, being at no additional expense for salaried agents, either to collect or to disburse this fund, and finding in its missionaries the ready and best kind of men for doing the work on the field, has been able to make more out of that limited amount than could have been anticipated. That the new department does inspire and stimulate, may be seen at once in the facts that the reported attendance in the schools on our list has gone up from 86,300 to nearly 92,000, this year; and that the number of new and *permanent* schools organized in needy neighborhoods, under this fresh stimulus, has greatly increased. In our next Annual Report we shall hope to give yet richer statistics. We look forward to a great, steady increase of receipts for this department, as Sunday-schools and Sunday-school workers come to understand and appreciate what it is doing.

Our SUNDAY-SCHOOL LEAFLET has been widely circulated, in large measure gratuitously, to extend the interest; and we have reason to believe that it has not failed of its purpose.

APPORTIONMENT.

Near the end of the year the Committee were able to publish, and to put into what they trust will prove economic and invigorating action, a *system of Apportionment*, by which, as they believe, more of responsibility for a judicious, efficient administration and for an enlarged development of Home Missionary work in the aided States, and of receipts for it, will be placed upon these States themselves. The details of this plan, to some degree, have appeared in *The Home Missionary* for May, 1878. They need not, therefore, be given in this Report. It may suffice to say that, though but lately published, this plan of Apportionment is the result of much careful study of the finances and working of the Society extended over a series of years. It is one upon which much careful thought has been bestowed, and toward which the administration of the Society has long been steadily directed. Experience will test its practical worth. Meantime the Committee desire for it appreciative examination and trial.

GENERAL COMPARATIVE RESULTS.

Society's Year.	Receipts.	Expenditures.	No. of Missionaries.	Not in Commission the preceding year.	No. of Congregations and Missionary Districts.	Years of Labor.	Additions to Churches.	Sabbath-schools and Bible Classes.	Average Expense for a Year's labor.	Average Expense for a Missionary.
1-1826-27	\$18,140 76	\$18,984 17	169	68	196	110	not rep.	not rep.	127	83
2-1827-28	20,035 78	17,849 22	201	89	244	133	1,000	306	134	89
3-1828-29	26,997 31	26,814 96	304	169	401	186	1,678	423	144	88
4-1829-30	38,929 44	42,429 50	392	166	500	274	1,939	572	155	108
5-1830-31	48,124 73	47,247 60	465	164	577	294	2,523	700	160	102
6-1831-32	49,422 12	52,808 39	509	158	745	361	6,126	783	146	104
7-1832-33	68,627 17	66,277 96	606	209	801	417	4,284	1,148	159	109
8-1833-34	78,911 44	80,015 76	676	200	899	463	2,736	Pupils,	172	118
9-1834-35	88,863 22	83,394 28	719	204	1,050	490	3,800	52,000	170	116
10-1835-36	101,565 15	92,188 94	755	249	1,000	545	3,750	65,000	169	122
11-1836-37	86,701 59	99,529 72	786	232	1,025	564	3,752	80,000	180	123
12-1837-38	86,522 45	85,056 26	684	123	840	438	3,376	67,000	194	124
13-1838-39	82,664 63	82,655 64	665	201	794	473	3,920	68,500	175	124
14-1839-40	78,345 20	78,533 89	680	194	842	486	4,750	60,000	162	115
15-1840-41	85,413 34	84,864 06	690	178	862	501	4,618	54,100	169	123
16-1841-42	92,468 64	94,300 14	791	248	987	594	5,514	64,500	159	119
17-1842-43	99,812 84	98,216 11	848	225	1,047	657	6,223	68,400	149	116
18-1843-44	101,904 89	104,276 47	907	237	1,245	665	7,693	60,300	157	115
19-1844-45	121,946 28	116,360 12	943	209	1,255	736	4,929	60,000	160	126
20-1845-46	126,124 70	126,193 15	971	223	1,458	760	5,311	76,700	166	130
21-1846-47	116,717 94	119,170 40	972	189	1,470	713	4,400	73,000	167	123
22-1847-48	140,197 10	139,233 34	1,006	205	1,447	773	5,020	77,000	180	138
23-1848-49	145,925 91	143,771 67	1,019	192	1,510	808	5,550	83,500	178	141
24-1849-50	157,180 78	145,456 09	1,032	205	1,575	812	6,682	75,000	179	141
25-1850-51	150,940 25	153,817 90	1,065	211	1,820	853	6,578	70,000	180	144
26-1851-52	160,062 25	162,531 14	1,065	204	1,948	862	6,820	66,500	189	153
27-1852-53	171,734 24	174,489 24	1,087	213	2,160	878	6,079	72,500	199	160
28-1853-54	191,209 07	184,025 76	1,047	167	2,140	870	6,075	65,000	212	176
29-1854-55	180,136 69	177,717 34	1,032	180	2,124	815	5,634	64,800	218	171
30-1855-56	193,548 37	186,611 02	986	187	1,965	775	5,602	60,000	241	189
31-1856-57	178,060 68	180,550 44	974	201	1,955	780	5,550	62,500	231	185
32-1857-58	175,971 37	190,735 70	1,012	242	2,034	795	6,784	65,500	240	188
33-1858-59	188,139 29	187,034 41	1,054	250	2,125	810	8,791	67,300	231	178
34-1859-60	185,216 17	192,737 69	1,107	260	2,175	868	6,287	72,200	222	174
35-1860-61	183,761 80	183,762 70	1,062	212	2,025	835	5,600	70,000	220	173
36-1861-62	163,852 61	158,336 33	863	153	1,668	612	4,207	60,300	259	183
37-1862-63	164,884 29	138,843 39	734	155	1,455	562	3,108	54,000	240	184
38-1863-64	195,537 89	149,325 58	756	176	1,618	603	3,904	65,200	248	198
39-1864-65	186,897 50	189,965 39	802	199	1,575	635	3,820	58,600	299	237
40-1865-66	221,191 85	208,811 18	818	186	1,594	643	3,924	61,200	325	255
41-1866-67	212,567 63	227,963 97	846	208	1,645	655	5,959	64,000	348	269
42-1867-68	217,577 25	254,665 65	908	250	1,710	702	6,214	66,300	364	282
43-1868-69	244,390 96	274,932 53	972	246	1,956	754	6,470	75,300	374	283
44-1869-70	283,102 87	270,927 68	944	246	1,836	693	6,404	75,750	390	287
45-1870-71	246,567 26	263,617 19	940	227	1,957	716	5,833	71,500	368	280
46-1871-72	294,566 86	281,182 50	961	236	2,011	762	6,358	76,500	369	293
47-1872-73	267,691 42	278,830 24	951	217	2,145	714	5,725	74,000	391	293
48-1873-74	290,120 34	287,662 91	989	241	2,195	726	5,421	74,700	395	297
49-1874-75	308,896 82	296,789 65	952	214	2,223	701	6,361	80,750	423	311
50-1875-76	310,027 62	309,571 84	979	240	2,274	734	7,836	85,370	422	317
51-1876-77	293,712 62	310,604 11	996	234	2,196	727	8,065	86,300	442	312
52-1877-78	284,486 44	284,540 71	996	209	2,237	739	7,578	91,762	385	286

Remarks on the foregoing Table.

1. The total of receipts for fifty-two years is \$8,199,270.22.
2. The total of years of labor is 32,952.
3. The whole number of additions to the churches is 280,940.
4. The average expenditure for a year of missionary labor includes the entire cost to the Society of obtaining the missionary, defraying his expenses to his field, and sustaining him on it, as well as the average proportion of all the expenses in conducting the Institution.

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY SECTIONS.

The following Table gives the number of missionaries, each year of the Society's operations in the geographical divisions of *Eastern, Middle, Southern, and Western States*; and also in *Canada*.

Society's Year.	New England States.	Middle States.	Southern States.	Western States and Territories.	Canada.	Total.
1—1826-27	1	129	5	33	1	169
2—1827-28	5	130	9	56	..	201
3—1828-29	72	127	23	80	2	304
4—1829-30	107	147	13	122	3	392
5—1830-31	144	160	12	145	2	463
6—1831-32	163	169	10	166	1	509
7—1832-33	239	170	9	185	3	606
8—1833-34	237	201	13	169	6	676
9—1834-35	289	216	18	187	9	719
10—1835-36	319	219	11	191	15	755
11—1836-37	331	227	11	195	22	786
12—1837-38	288	198	8	166	24	684
13—1838-39	284	198	9	160	14	665
14—1839-40	290	205	6	167	12	680
15—1840-41	292	215	5	169	9	690
16—1841-42	305	249	5	222	10	791
17—1842-43	288	253	7	291	9	848
18—1843-44	268	257	10	365	7	907
19—1844-45	285	249	6	397	6	943
20—1845-46	274	271	9	417	..	971
21—1846-47	275	254	10	433	..	972
22—1847-48	295	237	18	456	..	1,006
23—1848-49	302	239	15	463	..	1,019
24—1849-50	301	238	15	488	..	1,032
25—1850-51	311	224	15	515	..	1,065
26—1851-52	305	213	14	530	..	1,065
27—1852-53	313	215	12	547	..	1,087
28—1853-54	292	214	11	530	..	1,047
29—1854-55	278	207	10	537	..	1,032
30—1855-56	276	198	8	504	..	986
31—1856-57	271	191	6	506	..	974
32—1857-58	291	197	3	521	..	1,012
33—1858-59	319	201	..	534	..	1,054
34—1859-60	327	199	..	581	..	1,107
35—1860-61	308	181	..	573	..	1,062
36—1861-62	295	87	..	481	..	863
37—1862-63	281	48	..	405	..	734
38—1863-64	289	44	..	423	..	756
39—1864-65	293	58	..	451	..	802
40—1865-66	283	64	4	467	..	818
41—1866-67	284	66	5	491	..	846
42—1867-68	307	73	7	521	..	908
43—1868-69	327	73	8	564	..	972
44—1869-70	311	71	6	556	..	944
45—1870-71	296	69	5	570	..	940
46—1871-72	308	62	3	588	..	961
47—1872-73	312	49	3	587	..	951
48—1873-74	310	58	7	594	..	969
49—1874-75	292	67	7	586	..	952
50—1875-76	304	72	8	595	..	979
51—1876-77	303	70	6	617	..	996
52—1877-78	316	70	6	604	..	996

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY STATES.

SOCIETY'S YEAR.	Eastern States.						Middle States.				Southern States.										Ind. Ter.			
	Me.	N. H.	Vt.	Mass.	R. I.	Conn.	N. Y.	N. J.	Penn.	Del.	Md.	D. C.	Va.	W. Va.	N. C.	S. C.	Ga.	Ala.	Miss.	La.		Ark.	Fla.	Tex.
1-1826-27	....	1	2	1	..	..	120	1	7	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..
2-1827-28	1	2	2	..	..	..	120	1	9	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
3-1828-29	40	2	29	1	..	..	117	..	10	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4-1829-30	47	29	27	..	3	1	133	1	13	..	..	..	4	..	1	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
5-1830-31	51	31	35	..	3	21	148	2	10	..	..	..	2	..	3	2	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
6-1831-32	62	40	32	1	3	25	157	2	11	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
7-1832-33	66	50	38	55	4	26	151	3	16	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
8-1833-34	83	63	42	62	3	34	177	3	20	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
9-1834-35	87	49	42	68	6	37	185	6	22	3	1	..	4	..	3	3	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
10-1835-36	90	59	53	71	6	40	183	5	20	2	1	..	3	..	3	3	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
11-1836-37	107	63	50	74	..	37	186	6	24	1	1	..	3	..	1	1	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
12-1837-38	71	66	52	76	..	33	161	7	29	1	1	..	3	..	1	1	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
13-1838-39	70	48	47	80	5	34	148	8	21	1	1	..	3	..	3	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
14-1839-40	71	55	51	73	2	38	165	12	27	1	2	..	2	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
15-1840-41	74	47	50	82	4	35	167	11	35	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
16-1841-42	73	50	54	83	3	42	187	11	49	2	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
17-1842-43	68	47	53	78	3	39	193	10	47	3	1	1	1	..	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
18-1843-44	75	42	40	64	5	42	201	10	44	2	2	1	2	..	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
19-1844-45	82	45	39	66	7	46	188	10	51	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
20-1845-46	80	45	45	56	8	49	211	6	53	2	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
21-1846-47	86	44	43	60	6	26	198	7	47	2	3	1	4	..	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
22-1847-48	91	46	45	62	10	41	187	4	46	1	3	2	5	..	1	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
23-1848-49	89	41	50	67	10	45	186	4	49	..	4	2	7	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
24-1849-50	92	40	58	60	6	45	173	6	47	2	1	2	9	..	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
25-1850-51	91	46	61	61	7	45	170	11	42	1	2	1	11	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
26-1851-52	96	44	60	54	7	44	157	10	44	2	1	1	8	..	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
27-1852-53	101	49	58	54	9	45	158	9	45	3	..	1	7	..	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
28-1853-54	93	44	57	46	10	42	154	10	44	2	2	1	7	..	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
29-1854-55	92	48	45	43	7	43	146	11	49	1	1	1	6	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
30-1855-56	97	43	43	42	7	44	137	13	48	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
31-1856-57	91	43	53	38	6	40	133	12	46	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
32-1857-58	91	45	77	34	8	36	133	14	49	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
33-1858-59	92	45	97	38	8	39	135	12	53	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
34-1859-60	81	52	99	43	8	44	138	12	48	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
35-1860-61	86	51	75	44	8	44	121	12	47	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
36-1861-62	88	39	64	47	8	49	80	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
37-1862-63	82	39	60	45	6	49	43	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
38-1863-64	77	34	58	60	6	54	42	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
39-1864-65	77	39	61	59	5	52	58	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
40-1865-66	78	39	53	61	7	45	58	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
41-1866-67	82	38	65	63	6	30	57	2	6	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
42-1867-68	94	45	66	61	4	37	57	4	12	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
43-1868-69	85	48	79	70	6	36	57	5	11	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
44-1869-70	89	42	65	74	6	34	55	7	9	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..
45-1870-71	95	38	60	64	6	33	52	7	10	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
46-1871-72	110	35	58	61	8	36	49	7	6	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
47-1872-73	102	39	57	66	7	41	39	7	3	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
48-1873-74	110	39	51	65	6	39	47	5	6	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
49-1874-75	82	45	45	66	6	48	53	5	9	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
50-1875-76	90	47	49	73	6	39	51	8	13	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
51-1876-77	77	49	48	81	6	42	51	9	10	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
52-1877-78	82	49	57	76	7	44	57	6	7	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..

REMARKS ON THE TABLE, PAGES 56, 57.—1. At the organization of the A. H. M. S., in 1826, the missionaries of the United Domestic Missionary Society, whose responsibilities it assumed, were transferred to it, and the greater portion of them were in commission in the State of New York.

2. The Maine Missionary Society and the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society became integral parts of the National Society in the third year of its operation; the New Hampshire Missionary Society, in the fourth year; the Connecticut Missionary Society, in the fifth year; and the Massachusetts Missionary Society, in the seventh year.

3. In 1845, the missions of this Society in Canada were, by an amicable arrangement with the British Colonial Missionary Society, transferred to the care of that Institution.

4. In the Table will be seen the progress which has been made, year by year, in the newer States of the West, as they have severally come into being, and presented fields of peculiar promise for missionary culture. When this

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY STATES.

SOCIETY'S YEAR.	Western States and Territories.																
	Tenn.	Ky.	O.	Ind.	Ill.	Mo.	Mich.	Wis.	Iowa.	Minn.	Kan.	Neb.	Dak.	Col.	Wyo.	Utah.	Nev.
1—1826-27	2	4	16	3	2	2	4										
2—1827-28	2	4	27	9	3	5	5										
3—1828-29	3	3	43	12	8	6	5										
4—1829-30	7	5	64	18	12	6	10										
5—1830-31	5	9	74	23	17	5	12										
6—1831-32	7	13	74	24	20	12	16										
7—1832-33	11	13	80	26	23	12	20										
8—1833-34	10	9	68	29	21	13	16										
9—1834-35	13	7	85	26	29	10	16										
10—1835-36	12	9	80	24	32	12	17	1	2								
11—1836-37	12	7	72	31	31	9	29	1	2								
12—1837-38	7	....	64	29	27	14	22	2	1								
13—1838-39	6	1	56	26	81	12	22	3	3								
14—1839-40	7	....	54	25	59	9	24	6	3								
15—1840-41	8	....	53	21	42	5	26	8	6								
16—1841-42	8	....	66	24	59	6	36	19	12								
17—1842-43	6	1	75	33	65	20	46	28	16								
18—1843-44	4	3	91	36	87	21	63	30	20								
19—1844-45	3	7	99	46	95	20	65	34	28								
20—1845-46	6	6	103	51	98	25	67	36	24								
21—1846-47	6	8	95	59	92	1	77	44	29								2
22—1847-48	7	9	102	52	101	21	80	49	35								2
23—1848-49	7	7	94	51	110	25	73	58	38								2
24—1849-50	6	7	97	50	114	33	74	63	87	2							3
25—1850-51	6	6	93	59	119	29	80	72	41	4							4
26—1851-52	5	6	93	63	117	29	77	84	50	4							3
27—1852-53	5	6	96	58	118	30	80	83	55	6							6
28—1853-54	3	6	110	43	105	28	76	87	56	8							7
29—1854-55	4	1	101	35	102	24	77	100	63	10	3						12
30—1855-56	2	1	80	36	93	21	72	87	73	14	3	1					13
31—1856-57	1	1	76	33	88	16	68	84	87	24	3	2					15
32—1857-58	....	1	76	38	82	5	65	9	96	33	12	2					10
33—1858-59	....	1	77	29	93	....	65	102	102	34	14	4					6
34—1859-60	....	2	79	19	100	....	68	108	115	41	17	5					10
35—1860-61	....	3	75	21	89	2	71	100	127	46	16	5					12
36—1861-62	....	....	54	15	83	2	59	82	103	45	18	4					12
37—1862-63	....	....	38	5	83	2	62	76	81	34	12	3					5
38—1863-64	....	....	38	5	94	2	62	73	79	38	15	5	1				8
39—1864-65	....	....	37	7	95	4	70	68	98	35	15	7	2				10
40—1865-66	2	....	33	7	78	19	67	72	104	35	17	9	3				17
41—1866-67	2	....	38	4	78	25	71	71	103	41	19	10	4				18
42—1867-68	1	....	43	5	86	31	73	64	110	40	23	12	1				25
43—1868-69	1	....	40	7	86	32	85	68	125	41	33	11	2				26
44—1869-70	1	....	34	9	72	36	77	70	124	41	39	14	1				30
45—1870-71	1	....	30	10	71	42	67	77	112	40	60	18	2				36
46—1871-72	2	....	32	10	63	40	69	77	112	43	62	25	4				1
47—1872-73	1	....	30	9	59	35	78	70	100	48	67	35	5				1
48—1873-74	2	....	37	5	53	35	80	89	100	49	70	44	4				2
49—1874-75	1	....	39	6	51	33	78	67	94	56	69	41	6				1
50—1875-76	1	....	27	10	54	28	76	72	92	60	75	40	9				1
51—1876-77	1	....	21	8	45	30	85	69	83	61	85	67	10				2
52—1877-78	2	....	26	8	44	32	85	66	89	55	91	52	8				2

Society was formed, *Indiana* and *Illinois* were in their infancy. *Michigan* was, at that time and for ten years subsequent, a Territory; in 1825 it had but one Presbyterian or Congregational minister, and he was a missionary.

Wisconsin remained, eight years after the organization of this Society, the almost undisputed home of the Indian. *Iowa* was not organized as a Territory till 1838. *Oregon* was reached by our first missionary there in the summer of 1848, after a voyage of many months by the way of the Sandwich Islands. Our first missionaries to *California* sailed from New York, in December, 1848. Our first missionary to *Minnesota* commenced his labors at St. Paul, in July, 1849.

5. It should be borne in mind that the number of missionaries in these newer States and Territories, as well as those that have been longer cultivated, gives but an imperfect idea of the ground that has been occupied by missionary enterprise. Churches, every year, become independent, and others are taken up in their stead.

AUXILIARIES AND MISSIONARY FIELDS.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, D.D., President; Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS, Bangor, Secretary; JOSHUA MAXWELL, Esq., Portland, Treasurer.

The *receipts* of this Auxiliary, in its financial year ending February 28th, were \$19,589.57. The amount acknowledged from churches and individuals in Maine, by the Treasurer of the National Society, in its year ending March 31st, was \$719.44, of which \$300 was a legacy and \$9 was for the Sunday-school Department. The entire contributions from Maine for Home Missions during the year were \$20,301.01, which is \$4,852.96 more than those of the previous year. The *amount expended* for work within the State is \$14,813.50, which is \$830.38 more than in the preceding year.

This Society has employed, within the year, *eighty-three missionaries*, who have performed in the aggregate, fifty-one years of service. Twenty-nine have served through the entire year. Eighteen, between six and eleven months each, and thirty-six, each for four months or less. One has been installed, and five promising young men have been ordained. One church has been organized, and promises to be strong, one house of worship has been dedicated, one is in process of building, and the materials for another are on the ground. One chapel has been built, and one house has been moved and remodeled, and will be ready for worship in June. Revivals have been frequent, and many of the churches have been strengthened by the addition of substantial men and women in active life. Several of the churches have lost valuable and leading members, and they are sadly missed.

Evangelistic work has been undertaken, and good results have followed. Mr. John Vassar, a colporter of the American Tract Society, labored three months in the summer, and was instrumental in leading many souls to Christ. Rev. Addison Blanchard was appointed general missionary, in December, and his abundant and faithful labor with the churches has inspired courage, and resulted in many thorough conversions. This new phase of Home Missionary work excites deep interest and promises to be a strong arm in the future. The best work for the year has been where revival workers have moved the sluggish waters, and pastors have been present to instruct the converts and gather them into the churches. Without the pastor, the temporary work of the evangelist often proves, "as a morning cloud and as the early dew." Pastorless churches cannot thrive. With the two arms working in harmony, the best results may be secured.

There is reason for rejoicing that in these hard times, Providence has brought the means for the support of the Missionary work. Though ordinary contributions have fallen off considerably, this has been more than counter-balanced by the unexpected

receipt of legacies. The fear of friends is thus rebuked, and they are more than ever encouraged to trust him whose work they have undertaken. "In God we trust."

NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D.D., President; Rev. EDWARD H. GREELEY, Secretary; Hon. LYMAN D. STEVENS, Treasurer. Office in Concord.

The *amount received* by the New Hampshire Auxiliary in the year closing February 28th, was \$7,688.69, or \$3.42 less than in the previous year. There was paid from the State into the Treasury of the National Society, in its fiscal year, from legacies, \$1,109.63; from churches and individuals, \$1,450.18, of which \$43.07 were for the Sunday-school Department—in all, \$2,559.81; making the contributions in New Hampshire, for Home Missions, \$10,248.50, or \$8,999.26 less than in the year preceding. The *expenditures* for missionary service within the State were \$9,549.91, being less than those of the previous year by the sum of \$340.33.

The *number of missionaries* employed is *forty-nine*; the number of stations supplied fifty-three; and the number of years of missionary service performed, thirty-three. Several churches that have heretofore received aid, have dispensed with it during the past year, but are likely to ask it again hereafter, and are not, therefore, properly considered self-supporting. One church has been organized, and one has repaired and materially improved its house of worship. The attendance upon public worship, and the general interest in religious things is increasing. The number of hopeful conversions has been less than in the two preceding years, but considerably more than the general average for several years.

The Secretary says: "The work is still growing upon our hands. The causes that have been operating for forty years to deplete the communities and churches among our hills, have not yet wholly ceased to operate. The flower of their youth are still drawn away to other fields. The Puritan stock is still subjected to a drain which threatens its very life. In one respect, however, a change has come. The population of the State is no longer decreasing, but is increasing with considerable rapidity. The abandoned farms are being reclaimed, and the vacant houses beginning to resound again with the voice of children. But they are not the old Puritan families. They are largely of another stock and another religion. A new order of things is opening upon us. A new style of work is brought to our hands. New questions are coming up to be resolved. Are Puritan churches and Puritan ideas still to mold the coming generations?"

If the altars and graves of the fathers are not to be abandoned to the dominion of ideas, in both Church and State, which they braved the hardships of the wilderness to shun; if the glory of

New England as the fruitful mother of men and of ideas, which have shaken to their foundations the civil and the ecclesiastical despotisms of the world, is not to depart; there is urgent need that new life and vigor be infused into these old churches, that they be roused to confront the perils and responsibilities of the hour. It is certainly no time to relax the effort to sustain them, and to renew their strength.

The business depression of the country is very severely felt among us, and is contracting somewhat seriously our resources. A large part of our contributing churches are in manufacturing communities where the resources of most of their membership are greatly contracted or wholly cut off. We have been driven already to severe retrenchment, as the amount of our appropriations demonstrates, and we are not without fear of being compelled to retrench still more severely. But the silver and the gold are the Lord's and the cause is also his.

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Hon. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS, President; Rev. CHARLES S. SMITH, Secretary;
J. C. EMERY, Esq., Treasurer. Office in Montpelier.

This Auxiliary *received* from all sources, during the year ending February 28th, \$8,255.08, which is less than the receipts of the previous year by \$2,648.13. The Treasurer of the National Society acknowledged from Vermont, in the fiscal year ending March 31st, from legacies, \$1,796.69, from the Treasury of the Auxiliary, \$23; from churches and individual donors, \$1,887.29, of which sum \$127.82 was for the Sunday-School Department, in all, \$3,706.98—making the amount contributed in Vermont for Home Missions, \$11,985.06—less by \$2,801.13 than in the preceding year. The *expenditures* on the work within the State were \$8,975.41, or \$144.96 less than in the previous year.

Fifty-seven missionaries have ministered during the whole or a part of the year in fifty-four different fields besides out-stations, performing thirty years of service. Three pastors have been dismissed, and four have been settled. Two churches, by joining with others in sustaining the same pastors, have become self-supporting. The Secretary states that "progress has been made in this work of coupling missionary churches. Twenty-four ministers preach regularly to forty-eight different congregations. Two, however, of these congregations are across the Connecticut River in New Hampshire. By this arrangement several churches that would otherwise need aid are enabled to have preaching without calling upon our Society. The depressed state of business is seriously affecting our feeble churches, leading new ones to couple or, when they cannot do that, to ask for aid. The year has been one of faithful labor. The harvest has been precious, though not as bountiful as at some times; and the present outlook is encouraging."

The Directors, in their last report, set forth the claims of the

West upon the churches of Vermont, in the following language : "Our duty to our country and to our Lord is not discharged by simply sustaining the feeble churches in Vermont, or by sending out thousands of our sons and daughters to settle and Christianize the West. We must follow them with our prayers. We must help them and their neighbors, gathered from every nation on the face of the earth, to the preaching of the gospel till Christian privileges shall be as universally enjoyed through all the empires of the West, as they are in our own beloved State. The vast extent of our country, the rapidity with which the new States and Territories are being settled, the activity of all the evil forces of society in new villages—the great difficulty of changing the moral character of a community when the influences which become dominant at its settlement are irreligious or infidel—these things, taken in connection with the large foreign element with which we have to wrestle, especially the Romish and Mongolian, admonish us that in our missionary work at the West, we must do with our might what our hands find to do. We must, with the power of gospel truth, mold society in all the new settlements, while in its formative period, and see to it that it crystallizes about the church and the school-house, and not about the grog-shop or an idol-temple."

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. JULIUS H. SEELYE, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. WILLIAM BARROWS, D.D., Secretary; CHARLES DEMOND, Esq., Treasurer. Office in Boston.

The *receipts* of this Auxiliary for the year ending February 28th, were \$70,937.74, of which sum \$11,628.89 were the avails of legacies, and \$59,308.85 including \$1,417.32 for the Sunday-School Department, were contributed by churches and individuals. The Auxiliary paid into the Treasury of the National Society, in its financial year ending March 31st, \$41,859.64. The National Society also received directly from Massachusetts—in legacies, \$13,163.16, contributions of churches and individuals, \$13,682.68, including \$1,169.92 for the Sunday-School Department, in all, \$26,845.84. The entire amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions, was \$97,783.54; of which \$23,267.40 were *expended* on their home field. The amount placed at the disposal of the National Society for work on the Western field, was \$68,705.48, or less by \$2,231.84 than in the previous year.

The *number of missionaries* sustained, during the whole or a part of the year, is *seventy-six*, which is less by five than the number in commission during the preceding year. Two of these missionaries have, within the year, been installed pastors of the churches which they serve. Two churches have become self-supporting. Six houses of worship have been erected, and one has been extensively repaired. Forty-five of the feeble churches of the State are now coupled for the support of their ministers. By this arrangement a saving of \$14,300 in salaries

was effected, during the last year. The plan is working satisfactorily, and will soon be adopted by several other congregations.

The Executive Committee, in their last report, speak as follows of the relations of Massachusetts to the West, and through that to the country and the world: "The West is the child of the East; it is the reproduction of the East in wealth and industries, and it should be, with modifications and improvements, in social and civil and religious and educational institutions. The West is fast coming to be the head of the American family, the man of the United States, already having giant proportions over its Eastern parent. Its probable and magnificent future impresses on us the worth of the proverb, 'Train up a child in the way he should go.' Probably God never gave to a section of his church the opportunity like ours, to mould and foreordain so vast a human force in the interests of the divine kingdom. A proper handling of the West now, in its grafting and budding season, would settle many present anxious issues as to its fruitage, and place it at once among noble certainties on the right side. The world cannot afford to let the East make a mistake in this thing. It would be the calamity of the nineteenth century, and one of the mistakes of the Christian era."

RHODE ISLAND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Hon. WILLIAM W. HOPPIN, President; Rev. JEREMIAH TAYLOR, D.D., Secretary; S. H. TABOR, Esq., Treasurer. Office in Providence.

The *receipts* of this Society for the year ending February 28th, were \$3,255.06. The National Institution also received from Rhode Island \$2,747.73, all of which was the contribution of churches and individuals. Of this sum, \$22.28 was for the Sunday-school Department. The *expenditures* in the State were \$3,588.81, and the total amount raised for Home Missions, \$6,002.79.

Seven missionaries have been in the service of this Society since the last Report. Two of them have been installed pastors of the churches which they serve. The Secretary has performed a large amount of missionary labor, and on one of the fields which he has cultivated, it is expected that a church will be organized at an early day. He reports that an encouraging state of things exists in all the churches aided by the Society.

CONNECTICUT HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. WILLIAM H. MOORE, Secretary; WARD W. JACOBS, Esq., Treasurer. Office in Hartford.

The *receipts* of the Connecticut Auxiliary in the year ending February 28th, were \$12,534.70. The *expenditures* within the State were \$14,105.53. The Auxiliary forwarded to the Treasury of the National Society, during its financial year, \$12.02. Into this Treasury were also paid directly, as avails of legacies, \$36,307.35; contributions of churches and individuals, \$16,880.21;

for the Sunday-school Department, \$680.46 ; in all, \$53,868.02. The total amount raised in the State for Home Missions was \$66,402.72, or more by \$9,542.42 than in the preceding year. The amount put at the disposal of the National Institution was \$53,880.04, which is \$10,441.99 more than in the previous year.

Forty-four missionaries have been in the service, during the whole or a part of the year, two of whom have, since its commencement, finished their earthly labors and entered into their rest. The church to which one of them ministered has not applied for further aid, but neither this nor any other assisted church, so far as the reports show, has assumed permanent self-support within the year.

In their last report the Directors say : " The year under review has been a good one for the home missionary cause in this State. The aided churches have had an unusual degree of spiritual prosperity. The number of our churches giving to the American Home Missionary Society was never larger, the number giving to the State Society has been larger in only one year, and the number giving to neither Society has been smaller in only one year. It is pleasant also to state that the reported home missionary offerings for the last six years, 1871-1876, have exceeded those of the preceding six years by an annual average of \$24,006.10, namely, in contributions, \$5,943.07 ; in boxes, \$6,418.70 ; and in legacies, \$11,644.33. In the light of these facts, so creditable to the membership of our churches, we thank God and take fresh courage for a life-long effort for the evangelization of our State and nation."

The total of receipts from New England is \$205,211.41, which is less than the amount of the preceding year by \$9,128.82. Of this, \$74,300.56 were expended within its own bounds, and \$130,910.85 were forwarded to the National Institution for its general work.

NEW YORK HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. AUGUSTUS F. BEARD, D.D., President ; Rev. JOHN C. HOLBROOK, D.D., Syracuse, Secretary ; WILLIAM HENRY SMITH, Esq., New York, Treasurer.

The *receipts* into this Treasury from churches and individuals in this State, including \$153.84, for the Sunday-school Department, were \$12,105.10 ; from legacies, \$15,265.38 ; in all \$27,370.48, or \$6,262.46 less than in the previous year. *Fifty-seven laborers* have been employed during the whole or a portion of the year, supplying about one hundred churches and preaching-stations. Five churches have been organized, five have become self-sustaining ; two houses of worship have been erected, two were in process of erection at the close of the year, several others have been repaired and improved, and three parsonages have been secured. As nearly as can be ascertained, the net additions to our missionary churches have been 550 ; the gospel has been

preached to about 7,000 regular attendants on public worship, and over 4,000 scholars have been taught in Sunday-schools. Twenty-eight missionary churches have been supplied by fourteen ministers, and twenty others thus coupled are saved, by this means, from the necessity of seeking missionary aid.

The Trustees of the State Auxiliary, in closing their last Report, speak of the work in this State, as follows: "While, then, we keep in view the vastness of the Western field and are stimulated to continued and even increased effort in the work of home evangelization there, let us not undervalue or neglect the claims of our own State. The importance of establishing churches and keeping pace with the advancing tide of population that is sweeping across the continent, in the multiplication of evangelical influences, has never been exaggerated, nor even adequately apprehended, but we cannot afford, at the same time, to neglect these old States, or to abandon them or any considerable portions of them to error, or infidelity and irreligion. Most disastrous would this be, both to them and to the country at large. Abandon all the feeble evangelical churches in the rural districts of these States and how changed would be the character and the moral influence of those who, in such large numbers, emigrate from them to the large towns and cities, and to the newer sections of the land."

OHIO HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. SAMUEL WOLCOTT, D.D., Cleveland, Secretary; FRANCIS C. SESSIONS, Esq., Columbus, Treasurer.

The receipts of this Auxiliary for the year ending February 28th, were \$3,885. The direct *contributions* from Ohio to the National Society, during its financial year, ending March 31st, were \$2,154.32, of which \$964.41 were the avails of legacies, making the entire sum raised for Home Missions \$6,039.32, which is \$2,202.55 less than the amount of the year before. The *expenditures* of the Auxiliary for work in the State were \$5,085. The *number of missionaries* was *twenty-six*, who ministered regularly to forty-two churches, and steadily sustained several other preaching stations. Three new churches were organized. "Besides the churches thus aided," says the Secretary, "there are thirty churches associated in union pastorates, which are thus enabled to dispense with aid. There is a still larger number that are struggling, simply to sustain worship, which might adopt the joint pastorate system and would, probably, gain from it a positive benefit. The large city churches are burdened with Home Mission enterprises of their own. They have branches and chapels and Sunday-school missions, which tax their means heavily. Many of the small rural churches which can, with difficulty, support their own ministry, feel that in doing this, they discharge the claim on them of the home field. These two classes comprise no small share of our churches; and these facts account, in

part, for our small contributions." "Still it cannot be questioned that completer consecration would develop larger resources for our benevolent work; and it is generally acknowledged that our cause is one in which no church can afford, on its own account, to forego a fair representation, that whatever other claims may press, this must always come to the front. There has been a perceptible increase of interest in Foreign Missions, mainly through the efforts of the ladies, and it is a reasonable expectation that the revival of benevolence should include both causes, and the two proceed hand in hand. And for the same reason that we desire our churches to contribute to Foreign, as well as to Home Missions, we desire them to contribute to the American Home Missionary Society, as well as to the Ohio Home Missionary Society. We propose to enable them to bear a part in both enterprises, through their contributions to us, by being directly auxiliary to the Parent Society. Straited as our means are, and still in arrears, the Committee has made a beginning by a small appropriation this year, and we shall be glad to increase the amount year by year. That we may do this, or even sustain adequately our own work, our churches must enlarge their rate of giving. Will not our pastors who, with God's blessing, have it in their power to inaugurate a new departure, and develop a larger liberality, give their earnest attention to this matter? Is there any other way in which they can so effectually advance the Kingdom of Christ, and at the same time promote the highest prosperity of the churches which they serve?

Rev. Dr. Wolcott, Secretary of the Ohio Auxiliary, has also been under commission of the Parent Society, as Superintendent of its work in Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. It has been a satisfaction to the Executive Committee that while thus aiding an Auxiliary during its first and less assured years, by sharing the support of its Secretary, they have, at the same time, been able to avail themselves of the assistance of one whose indefatigable energy, and thoroughness of work, give his official services the more value. His occasional visits have been a cheering encouragement to the few and scattered bands of disciples there aided by the Society. He reports that "the group of churches in Western Pennsylvania are gaining strength as a whole. The one at Spartansburgh, organized within three years, has come to self-support. The two churches in West Virginia still hold the fort on the border, and the longer they live the more clearly they demonstrate their call to live. Kentucky too, is to be represented in our next Conference by a church just started at Newport with promising prospects."

INDIANA.

Rev. JOSEPH E. ROY, D.D., Chicago, Superintendent.

The *receipts* from Indiana, acknowledged by the Treasurer of this Society within the year, were \$345.26, being \$158.44, less

than those of the year before. The *number of missionaries* employed was eight, besides the Superintendent, supplying fourteen churches and several out-stations. One new church has purchased a brick house of worship, and another has its edifice nearly finished. Though the year has not, like the last, been one of spiritual conquests, it has yet been one of spiritual edification. Two or three of this little band of missionary churches have shared in revival mercies; with some, to have done no more than to hold their own, was a success. The twenty-nine churches of our faith and order in the State are organized into three Local Associations and one General Association, which have done much for them in the way of a strengthening and evangelistic fellowship.

The work of the Society in this State must necessarily now be slow. The fruits of its earlier work have mostly passed into the Presbyterian body. The strong churches of that name in the cities and larger towns were gathered and nurtured by her hand. For thirty years, previous to the withdrawal of the Presbyterians, in 1860, this Society sustained yearly an average of about thirty missionaries in Indiana, employed almost exclusively by churches of that denomination. Not less than 200 of its 300 churches there were so planted and trained at first. Wabash College, which now numbers 166 ministers among its graduates, of whom five are foreign missionaries, was itself founded by five men bearing the commission of this Society. And it shows both what future things lie in the seeds which the Society is thus sowing, and what the great Interior is being thus trained to do for itself, that this college is at this time just coming into possession of \$100,000 left to it by an Eastern man that, many years ago, made his home in the capital of the State, and in one of these Presbyterian churches.

For what the Society in these years was doing so effectually throughout Indiana, for one branch of Christ's church, we may well give thanks. And from it we may, with equal propriety, take courage to push forward the Society's present work amidst the waste and destitute places of that great and growing State.

As is well known, Rev. Dr. Roy has been acting as the Superintendent of the Society's work through Indiana, not less than in Northern Illinois. As one of the changes recently made, he has resigned this service, retiring from it, in the interests of economy, with the heartiest love and confidence of all parties concerned. Arrangements are in progress for the appointment of one well qualified by training and experience of similar work, to the position of General Missionary. In that capacity he will have an oversight, while, at the same time, employing himself very much in special labor upon particular fields—organizing, laying foundations, and strengthening the things which remain. He is commended to the confidence of the churches as one who has been found faithful.

ILLINOIS.

Rev. JOSEPH E. ROY, D.D., Chicago, Superintendent for Northern Illinois (also Field Superintendent); Rev. MARTIN K. WHITTLESEY, D.D., Jacksonville, Superintendent for Southern Illinois.

The *contributions* from Illinois to this Treasury, in the year—including \$136.96 to the Sunday-school work—were \$9,267.01, of which \$346.53 were the avails of legacies; a gain of \$2,961.15 as compared with the year preceding.

Forty-four missionaries were under commission, steadily supplying forty-eight churches and fifteen out-stations, sixty-three congregations in all. Two churches were organized, two more are soon to be added to this number; three became self-supporting.

In the Northern District the plan of uniting two churches under one minister has been prosecuted so successfully that out of *forty* of those otherwise dependent, twenty-eight now wholly dispense, and the other twelve almost dispense with Home Missionary assistance. It is an interesting fact that eight of these Congregational churches are thus "paired" with as many Presbyterian. "This is one of the most effective methods of economy," in the language of Dr. Roy, "nor does it lack in efficiency. By this plan the churches get a higher class of pulpit talent, and the preacher gets double the breadth of material and of opportunity." Last year was one of pervasive revivals, following the Moody meetings in Chicago. This year has been one of gathering up the fragments, with a few seasons of revival glow. Religious fervor has taken on much of the temperance type.

In the Southern District the same plan of uniting churches has been followed, and Dr. Whittlesey reports that of the one hundred churches there, twenty-six aid each other in maintaining service by union; sixteen of them doing wholly without missionary aid. Eleven others are served by men accepting reduced salaries, who aid the Society in that way; or by men having some secular work; or by men serving also some church of another denomination. By every means the demand on the Society has been lessened as far as possible. Nineteen churches, however, are yet receiving very considerable Home Missionary assistance. Revivals of marked power were enjoyed in two fields, while, in general, the additions to the churches on confession have been three times as many as by letter. But attempts to hold extra meetings in the country have mostly been prevented by five months of very bad roads. "The very low and inadequate remuneration," says Dr. Whittlesey, "necessitates changes of fields already too frequent, greatly injuring the work. Our missionaries often deem themselves at a disadvantage with the foreign missionary. They have no "outfit." They pay their own way to their fields of labor, which often they can hold for but a short time, from insufficient support, arising from migration possibly, or the uncer-

tainty of popular favor. They have no provision or recourse for support in case of ill-health or old age. The churches, too, often fail and are discouraged, waiting for the coming man—by the frequent changes, by finding it impossible, with even the greatest sacrifices, to provide that spiritual house and atmosphere which are vital to their families and neighborhood. The greatest burdens and sacrifices in this Home Missionary work, are not theirs who give money, they are theirs on the field, brothers and sisters with their ministers, a mere handful at times, striving, against selfishness and indifference, to do here the holy and blessed work of Christ, amidst so much of poverty and weakness.

MISSOURI, ARKANSAS, AND TEXAS.

Rev. ROBERT WEST, St. Louis, Superintendent.

The *contributions* from Missouri to this Society, within the year, have been—including \$26 for Sunday-school work, \$964.77—a gain of \$133.07 on that preceding. The *number of missionaries* employed in the State was thirty-two. They ministered to fifty-seven congregations. Two missionary pastors were installed. Three churches were organized; one came to self-support, and fourteen were favored with revivals. One house of worship was completed, three others are in process of erection, and four largely repaired at an outlay of \$8,000, while church debts to the amount of \$25,000 have been extinguished.

The practice and benefit of coupling two or more churches under one missionary are illustrated by the single fact that, with a net increase of but four ministers, twelve of the twenty churches vacant a year ago are now supplied.

But, on the other hand, new fields “are offering themselves to us,” says the Superintendent, “every day. We have churches representing our faith and polity in only thirty-five out of the 114 counties in the State. More men and more money would give us a score of new churches during the next year. So ripe is the field for our work that, in one instance, a call came from a mining town sixty miles south of St. Louis—from Presbyterians and Methodists—to send them a minister to aid them in organizing a Congregational Church. This movement was wholly spontaneous, as no one from outside had worked the case up. The whole South-west, stimulated by our success in St. Louis and at such points as Springfield, where Drury College is located and where we have a strong, aggressive, self-supporting church, is ready for us with our resilient polity. We need men of a self-sacrificing spirit, good common-sense, and warm hearts, to follow the indications of Providence, for the South-west.”

Carrying out its purpose of bestowing more labor and means upon the regions beyond, the Executive Committee has recently enlarged the field of Mr. West, so that his superintendency shall include Arkansas and Texas, lying south and south-west of Missouri, to which St. Louis is the natural gateway. The work in

those two States calls for enlargement. The number of missionaries there is no greater now than a year ago, and the same is true of the churches. Yet we are led to believe that a more promising field for the operations of this Society can scarcely be found in the whole South or West. The Committee hope to be enabled, during the coming year, and with ampler means, to follow up the immense immigration of American people, as well as foreigners, which is setting that way. More than one quarter of a million of new inhabitants, it is estimated, will be added this year to the population of Texas. They are poor. They will need religion. They must be aided and stimulated to provide churches, Sunday-schools, houses of worship—all the apparatus of Christian communities. The gospel of the grace of God must not be left voiceless to them, while all the worldly and materializing influences of their new conditions are crowding their minds. The living preacher must go with them. The humble, devoted minister of Jesus must stay with them. The powers of the world to come must help to create their homes and establish their new communities.

MICHIGAN.

Rev. WOLCOTT B. WILLIAMS, Charlotte, Superintendent for Southern and Eastern Michigan; Rev. LEROY WARREN, Grand Rapids, Superintendent for Northern Michigan.

In Michigan, *eighty-five missionaries* have labored in the year now reported, ministering stately to one hundred and sixty-five congregations, with occasional service in many out-stations. The *receipts* from the State, by this Society in its financial year, were \$5,392.69—of which \$775 were the avails of legacies—being a gain of \$766.14 on those of the previous year. This sum includes \$109.25 contributed for the Sunday-school Department. Four missionaries were ordained, and one died. Twenty churches were organized; sixteen came to self-support; seven obtained new houses of worship, and seven more are in process of building. Nineteen churches have been blessed with revivals, and many others, without extra meetings, have, in a quiet way, received considerable accessions. In nearly all the missionary fields it has been a year of unusual growth, and a considerable number of the churches are making encouraging progress toward self-support. But there remains in the northern part of the Peninsula much land to be possessed.

In prosecuting the work of retrenchment the Executive Committee have found it necessary to consolidate the two superintendencies of Michigan, as of other States, into one.

Rev. Mr. Williams, who has served the Society for nearly ten years with great fidelity and Christian devotion, approved as a wise master-builder by the constant success of his labors, tendered his resignation, to take effect July 1st.

The Committee felt constrained to accept it, and have ap-

pointed Rev. Leroy Warren, already in charge of the Northern District, to the superintendency of their work in the whole State. His annual report, prepared while this matter was yet pending, presents facts and thoughts, growing out of a review of his labors, which are of special interest at this time. "If," he says, "it shall never be my lot to make another report as Superintendent, I shall have pleasure in the remembrance that, during my nine years of service, fifty churches and forty-two houses of worship have been added to the number in the District—more than doubling the number of the churches, and increasing the houses of worship nearly fourfold. If it shall fall to another to water what I have planted, God may, in that way, give the more abundant increase.

"Among the many things, wise and unwise, lately said on Home Missions, it has been urged that 'Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa ought at once to become self-sustaining.' This easy generalization makes little account of the real facts in respect to the several States named. We are not told whether it could be a matter alike easy for all of them. If Michigan is to become self-sustaining, it will require the churches of the State to increase their contributions to Home Missions four or five fold. On the instant, they must give to this single object fifty per cent. more than they are now giving to all the seven causes named in our State schedule of benevolences. But they are not likely to do this—to give fifty per cent. more to Home Missions alone, than they are now giving to foreign missions, and to the Freedman, and to the cause of education, and to the tract cause, and to the Bible cause, and to the Sunday-school cause—all put together. It would take an awful pressure to lead them to do that. It is not reasonable to expect it. Is it *desirable* that this one object should absorb all the gifts, and all the interest of the Congregational churches of this State?

To one acquainted with the southern part of it alone, it may seem that the Michigan churches should do the Home Missionary work for the whole State. Crossing the State on the Michigan Southern, the Michigan Central, or the Detroit and Milwaukee Railways, one sees many evidences of prosperity and wealth, aspiring towns and thriving villages, where the people can abundantly support the gospel for themselves. But the northernmost of these three railroads is only about one-third of the way from the south to the north end of even the 'Lower Peninsula.' The main field of our church-planting work is entirely north of these lines. Those who know our State only so far north as the Grand River Valley, or the Saginaw Valley, have not yet seen our proper Home Missionary field. From its south line to its extreme north our State extends through more than seven parallels of latitude, or four hundred and sixty-five miles, and we cannot rightly judge from a hundred miles at the southern and older end. Leaving out of the account that Upper Peninsula, which com-

prises a little more than one-third of the whole State, let us note that the northern two-thirds of the Lower Peninsula has been, and still is, little more than a great wood-lot for Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and, to some extent, several other States, east, south, and south-west. But, since the war, these forest lands are steadily filling with settlers. *The population of the State has doubled since 1860*, and twenty-two new counties, comprising 21,000 square miles, have been organized in the northern part of the State since that year. In this new North lies *our* principal Home Missionary field. This is the region where we have planted fifty Congregational churches in the last ten years, and should plant seventy-five more in the next ten. Here is a field and a work waiting, that for the next twenty years might absorb all the benevolences of all the Congregational churches of the State—leaving not a cent for the Freedman, or for foreign missions, or for any other cause. But is that best for all concerned? We must do what we can in this ever-widening and most promising field; and we hope the Christians of the East will be willing to help us a little yet.”

WISCONSIN.

Rev. FRANKLIN B. DOE, Ripon, Superintendent for Northern Wisconsin; Rev. HENRY A. MINER, Madison, Superintendent for Southern Wisconsin.

The *sixty-six missionaries* in Wisconsin, last year, steadily supplied 130 congregations, including churches and out-stations. Four churches were organized; quite a number resuscitated from seeming death, and five became self-supporting; two houses of worship were erected and paid for, while yet others were much repaired, or enlarged and improved. But it was not a building year. Two ministers were ordained and one died. The Treasury of this Society *received* \$4,249.96 from the State, including \$96.26, for the Sunday-school Department.

While not a “revival year,” still there has been much success in the spiritual work. From both Districts come cheering records of progress. We must refer to the monthly numbers of *The Home Missionary*, for the deeply interesting details.

The consolidation of the two superintendencies of this State into one, leads each Superintendent to review the period of his service, in his present annual report. Mr. Miner says: “It is now nearly five years since my appointment. They have been years of growing financial trouble. This has greatly embarrassed our work; tending to unsettle both pastors and churches, stopping the growth of towns, stimulating emigration further West—Americans moving away, and foreigners coming in. And yet we have made very decided progress. Five years ago, in this District, twenty-five churches were vacant. Now there are scarcely any but are well supplied. During this period, twelve mission fields of nineteen churches have come to self-support; nine churches been organized—five of them at points that had

been abandoned. And the membership has increased notwithstanding the large number that have gone out from us. Taking the whole State, we find 1,000 more reported now than five years ago, by far the largest gains being made in the last two years; 2,000 were added in that time, on profession of faith. Contributions have been increased, several good houses of worship built, and debts canceled." After noting several obstacles, he adds: "On the other hand, our work was never attracting more attention. Doors, heretofore closed are opening to us. The gains of the past few years have given us a vantage-ground. Could we but follow up these gains, it seems certain that grander victories would be ours." Mr. Miner closes his report, speaking of his intense enjoyment of the work. The "passion" for it which has grown up in his heart, of the generous love with which he has been treated, and the delightful relations he has had among the brethren and churches on his field. The record of his indefatigable, wise, and affectionate ministry, while Superintendent, has already been written. It can be read, not only in the organization of new churches, and in the revival of many that were ready to perish, but also in the deepened religious life, with which hearts and churches have been filled, and the increased strength of moral forces over all his field. Under stress of the "retrenchment" forced upon the Society, Mr. Miner placed his resignation in the hands of the Executive Committee, by which it was most reluctantly accepted, to take effect July 1, 1878. At the request of the Committee, cordially re-enforced by the Executive Board of the Wisconsin Home Missionary Society, Rev. Franklin B. Doe will then assume the superintendency of the whole State.

IOWA.

Rev. EPHRAIM ADAMS, Waterloo, Superintendent for Northern Iowa; Rev. JOSEPH W. PICKETT, Des Moines, Superintendent for Southern Iowa.

In Iowa the Society has had *eighty-nine laborers* in commission, ministering statedly to 170 churches and out-stations. Five churches were organized, ten became self-supporting; three houses of worship were dedicated; and five missionaries were ordained as pastors. The *contributions* of this State to the Society were \$5,539.54—an increase of \$877.79 upon those of the year before.

The year closes with the churches, as a general thing, well supplied and in good working order. Difficulties have been healed and fellowship promoted. Superintendent Adams of the Northern District asks for men who will *live in the country*, following that portion of the people who are away from "the principal centers" and on their farms. But for this we need men of ability. Cook's lectures are read in cabins; Darwin and Huxley are heard of everywhere. Men are needed of piety and self-denial of no ordinary degree—men that are missionaries indeed. Where

are they? Our Methodist brethren are drawing into the towns from the country. Shall we push out?

Throughout this State, as also in most others at the West, "the Temperance movement" has been following on the religious revivals of last year with remarkable power; and thoroughly organized Sunday-school work is prosecuted with much vigor. In all these things the missionary churches and pastors have a large share.

Rev. Mr. Pickett, the successful Superintendent of the Southern District, has recently been appointed Superintendent and General Missionary of the Rocky Mountain District, and enters at once upon his new field. The work of the Society in the whole State of Iowa will now be under the superintendence of Rev. Mr. Adams, whose field has thus been enlarged, according to the action of the Executive Committee, seeking consolidation and retrenchment throughout the older States of the Interior, to gain the more for the front.

In writing this, his last report from Iowa, Mr. Pickett indulges in the following bright and hopeful review: "It is forty years, this May, since the first Congregational church was planted in the then Territory of Iowa, at Denmark. Over the whole region of Central and Western Iowa roamed wild beasts and wilder men. Now this vast area, dotted with cities and villages and pleasant country houses, has become the very garden of the Lord. Christians of every name, in loving harmony, have worked side by side, till churches and school-houses adorn every landscape from the Mississippi to the Missouri. We now have 235 churches in this State, with a membership of 14,761; and, what is better than all else, at the close of these forty years of wandering and planting we are going in to possess the land with a vigor and energy greater than ever before. Our actual gain in membership the last year was 1,777, by far the greatest gain yet made in any one year.

"During the nine years of my own superintendency, Western Iowa has become rapidly settled, and is destined to become the stronghold of Congregationalism. Of the new churches planted scarcely one has been located where it will not be able to grow and prosper. Some have already become self-sustaining. The number of members in Southern Iowa, nine years ago, was 5,291. The number in 1877 was 7,572—a gain of thirty per cent. Nine years ago the contributions to Home Missions were \$1,428.73, this year they are \$2,222.65, a gain of thirty-six per cent. During this same period thirty-three (33) churches have been organized, and thirty-three houses of worship dedicated.

"As we look into the future of this State, and of these churches, we feel that it is to be even brighter than the past, if we seek eagerly that measure of fidelity and reliance upon God which is the sure pledge of success."

MINNESOTA.

Rev. LEVI H. COBB, Minneapolis, Superintendent.

Fifty-five missionaries have borne the Society's commission this year in Minnesota; six were ordained, one installed, one died. Eighty-five churches and forty-nine out-stations, making a total of 134 congregations, have thus been regularly supplied. Six other churches supplied themselves by uniting with neighboring parishes. Three churches became self-supporting, and seven were organized. Five houses of worship were erected, two purchased of other denominations, and three others extensively repaired. Ten new men entered the State to engage in missionary work under the auspices of the Society. Thirty-one churches enjoyed revivals, some of them of great power, and four of the seven new churches grew out of them. The *contributions* from the State to the Society were, including \$33.36 for the Sunday-school Department, \$3,851.50; a gain of \$1,831.17 on the year before, itself in advance of its predecessor by \$489.18; and yielding the encouraging average of more than seventy-two cents, without the help of one legacy, from each resident church-member.

"Less special evangelistic work," says the Superintendent, has been done than last year. Churches have combined in fellowship meetings and continued the work as interest demanded. Special laborers would have been employed could they have been obtained. Twelve churches are vacant, and more are to be. The attacks upon the management of the Society have been damaging and discouraging beyond estimate, by any one not on the field. Seldom has a band of Christian workers been more sorely tried or borne trial more heroically than those on this frontier. Though, *in direct answer to prayer*, the locust scourge was removed, the prospect of them in the early season prevented many from putting in crops; and many that did sow the seed lost from one-fourth to the whole; and this too, in some instances, the third and fourth time. One missionary with his wife lived on \$1.04 each, per week, for several months.

"During the financial embarrassment, many of the Sunday-schools—taking up the 'Weeping Water plan'—and the churches, in their own place and way, have gone beyond all precedent, as the last three months' account shows, in giving to the Lord. The outlook is cheering. Immigration is coming in rapidly. Hundreds of new farms will be opened. New towns are springing up. *We must have men and money* to occupy these in the name of the Lord. And we ourselves will pay *all we can* of the cost. Our corps of earnest, devoted laborers greatly needs re-enforcement."

KANSAS.

Rev. SYLVESTER D. STORRS, Topeka, Superintendent.

During the year now under review, this State *contributed*, including \$88.55 for Sunday-school work, the sum of \$1,461.68 to the treasury of this Society; a gain of \$459.08 over last year. The *number of missionaries* was ninety-one, supplying 225 congregations—enumerating both churches and out-stations. Fifteen churches were organized, one erected a house of worship, another made purchase of a suitable building, and that of still another is nearly completed. One missionary field of two churches came to self-support; and at least ten new Sunday-schools have been organized for permanence on this field.

The winter's religious work here, as in several other neighboring States, was greatly impeded by protracted rains, establishing, at length, a "mud-blockade," and making it almost impossible to bring the people together. Protracted meetings, already announced, were of necessity abandoned, and attendance even on Sabbath worship greatly reduced. "But still," says the Superintendent, "God has not left us without the presence and power of his Spirit, making the word preached, in many instances, effectual unto eternal life, and, although revivals have not been numerous or extensive, as usual, a goodly number have been enjoyed."

It is well-known, that an immigration which the Superintendents of this State, of Nebraska, Minnesota, and Texas, alike characterize as "*tremendous*," has set in this season upon those States. The prostration of mercantile and manufacturing industry further East has turned the thoughts of multitudes, out of employ, toward the farming opportunities furnished by those unappropriated regions. Under these circumstances, we ought to be pressing our Home Missionary recruits and our work to the front, with corresponding increase in numbers and power. Most deeply will all who know the facts and rightly appreciate them, sympathize with our Superintendent in Kansas, when he says: "Here, as in every other place, it has been impossible to extend the work for want of funds. *This has been our greatest trial.* Never before have fields opened as rapidly. One thousand immigrants a day, is a low estimate of the number now arriving, and this flood that has been so abundant for the last eighteen months, *is all the time increasing*, not only taking possession of new counties, but adding to the old ones. The missionaries have been greatly encouraged by the sympathy, the prayers, and the contributions, both of money and clothing, from the friends of Home Missions; but the great question is—*how can the increasing demand for laborers be met?* At least twenty-five additional laborers could now be put into fields 'white already to the harvest,' and at least an additional one every month during the year. One good missionary for a new county would do well for the present. The

amount of aid needed for his support would be from \$200 to \$500 a year. Will not some friend or some church, *besides the regular home missionary gift*, assume the support of a missionary in Kansas, this year?"

NEBRASKA.

Rev. HIRAM N. GATES, Omaha, Superintendent.

Fifty-two missionaries were employed in Nebraska, supplying ninety-one churches and fifty-nine stations, in all, 150 congregations. Twenty churches report revivals, some of them of much power; fourteen churches were organized, three came to self-support, four erected houses of worship, at a cost of \$5,487, and preparations are made for building five or six more, while also, church debts to the amount of \$2,000 have been canceled with no help from legacies. The State *contributed*, including \$116.30 for Sunday-school work, \$1,499.12 to this Society, about 62½ cents for each resident church-member, being \$818.14 more than the receipts of the previous year. This exceedingly gratifying increase from a State so new, and so stripped for years by the recent grasshopper scourge, was secured mainly by Sunday-schools, following the lead, and adopting the suggestion of the Weeping Water school, in an effort to pay the debt; by self-denying missionaries, some of whom, out of their deep poverty, abounded unto the giving of \$10 each for the same object, and by the Ladies' Missionary Societies, wise-hearted Christian women, not unwilling to include their own country also in their associated missionary prayers and contributions.

The Superintendent pleads for re-enforcements—"ten missionaries to fill vacancies, and ten to take up new fields demanding imperatively to be occupied. The immigration to the State, this season" he says, "is very great, probably larger than in any former year; the addition to our population, perhaps, over 200,000. This fact and what I see every time I travel on our railroads, fills me with anxiety for the work that ought to be done.

"With our hands tied by the lack of money and men, what can we do? Oh, that we could have *twenty* good, solid, sensible, energetic, self-sacrificing, devoted men, who would come to this new, growing, and enterprising State to work for Christ and Christ *alone!*"

DAKOTA.

This Territory appears now, for the first time in an Annual Report, under a separate heading. It deserves distinct recognition. Already fifteen churches—originated and fostered by this Society—are found upon this frontier region. *Eight missionaries* have here been faithfully at work, during the past year, supplying nine churches and ten stations—nineteen congregations, two churches and several Sunday-schools were organized; two

houses of worship erected. The *contributions* to the Society were \$192.90. Had not the Society been so much embarrassed for want of funds, it could have pushed the work in this Territory to great profit. Deadwood and vicinity, amidst the Black Hills, have been urgently brought before the Committee. The rapid increase of population, and the utter want of religious privileges could not be overlooked. A missionary was sent at an early day, and his work has been owned and blessed of God. The Committee is determined to re-enforce that mission without delay. But where is the right man? "The land of the Dakotas" will present strong attractions to earnest young Christian men, if they come to know its moral wastes, and the possibilities of its future. With an invigorating climate, and an ample supply of physical resources, it now calls urgently on some such laborers of Christ, and proffers to them a noble altar on which to offer up their best sacrifices.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT.

Rev. JOSEPH W. PICKETT, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Superintendent and General Missionary.

For years the Executive Committee have been tentatively waiting on the providence of God, in respect to appointing a permanent Superintendent and General Missionary for that vast region stretching from the British Possessions on the north, to Mexico on the south, midway between the Mississippi and the Pacific States, of which the Rocky Mountains, in all their branchings, are the controlling feature. Different men have been sent at various times to explore, and, if possible, remain on the ground doing the work of a General Missionary. At no time have the Committee been unmindful or negligent of that field. Repeated efforts, at much expense, have been made to meet the urgent views and desires, in this respect, of the few scattered churches, and brethren already aided there. But that providential conjunction of man, means, and opportunity, which holds in itself prophecy of success, has hitherto seemed to fail; and Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah, and New Mexico have, of necessity, been scantily served. The available means of the Society were *demande*d elsewhere. Other fields to which it was morally committed by pledges made, encouragement given, and work begun, and which had in themselves as much or *need* for the time being, and more of promise, were not to be turned off at once. Had the disposable funds of the Society justified such action, the Committee would have *added*, years ago, all the desired work in the Rocky Mountain District to that which it already had on hand in the great States of the Interior and those on the Pacific slope. Some of those States are now approaching self-support. To that extent the treasury of the Society is being liberated for this projected work in the Mountain District. It is believed that the Interior and the Pacific Coast—older, riper, and

planted now with churches to some good degree—will be moved in generous Christian rivalry to press up the flanks of those mountains, and enter their gorges, and crown their broad levels with those institutions of Christ which they themselves have so largely received at the hands of others. The Executive Committee are acting on this faith, and discern the call of God upon them to reserve means enough to prosecute work in that region with more vigor and breadth.

The Society is able also to avail itself for this field of the ripe experience, and earnest devotion of its late Superintendent in Southern Iowa—set free at this junction by the consolidation to which we have already referred in this Report. Shall we not see the hand of God in thus at length seemingly bringing means and man and opportunity together, and be emboldened to expect his blessing upon the new arrangement?

The work in Colorado the last year has been prosecuted by *six missionaries*, and, during a part of the year, one General Missionary, Rev. Stewart Sheldon, whose valuable and interesting observations of this field have been laid before the readers of *The Home Missionary*, and must have awakened earnest attention. These missionaries supplied twenty congregations, including seven churches. One church was organized, and two came to self-support. The *contributions* of Colorado to this Society were \$148. In Wyoming, Utah, and Nevada there have been no material changes—the work going forward on the scale presented last year, and urgently awaiting re-enforcements. Especially are they wanted in Utah, where the openings for the gospel of Christ and a pure morality every day grow broader and more inviting. May we not hope that this cry from Utah will be heard and answered by some Christian men of means who have an understanding of their times?

CALIFORNIA.

Rev. JAMES H. WARREN, D.D., San Francisco, Superintendent; J. W. CLARK, Esq., Financial Agent.

The Society has employed in California, during the year, *twenty-seven missionaries*, who have ministered to thirty-six churches and to ten congregations where churches do not exist. Five new churches have been organized, with an aggregate membership of seventy. With each a flourishing Sunday-school is connected; and, excepting one instance, each of these churches is located in a field unoccupied by any other denomination. Three churches have come to self-support, with good promise of permanent independence. Five others, by friendly union, are managing to carry on their work without asking missionary aid. Four others, under pressure of "hard times," were on the point of re-applying for it, but, by increased effort in pushing the "weekly offering" system, find themselves still able to do without it. Of the seventy-five Congregational churches in California—with a

resident membership of 3,500—twenty-eight are now self-supporting. Of the rest, all but seven must be aided by this Society, if they are to work effectively. Three houses of worship have been commenced, two others completed, and four more repaired and greatly improved. Seven missionaries in this State report revivals, and five new Sunday-schools were organized among the destitute. The *contributions* for the State to this treasury were \$2,972.84, less by \$527.99 than those of the previous year, a diminution that can only too easily be accounted for by the fearful drought of last year, with its destruction of crops and flocks, and the great successful efforts to extinguish church debts, amounting to more than \$100,000, both of which made the year most memorable.

“To do what has thus been done,” says the Superintendent, “has cost all our churches a prodigious effort. The strain of this big lift is still on most of them. It has crippled, to some extent, and for the time being, our means for aggressive work; but once on our feet, we hope to make up for lost time. The abundant and general winter rains assure us of vast harvests. The immense acreage of wheat and other grains, we are told, will load more than five hundred ships for Liverpool, in excess of what we shall need for home use. With all this business prosperity will come many and urgent calls for laborers and work in the Lord’s harvest. Seven different fields are ready for church organizations immediately. We see *so much to be done!* Standing face to face with every form of evil, we who are out here *so feel the importance of doing it*, that no one has time or breath to criticise, but to wrestle and pray that the debt be paid, and orders despatched across the continent to ‘move on the enemy’s works’ all along the line.”

OREGON AND WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Rev. GEORGE H. ATKINSON, D.D., General Missionary, Portland, Oregon.

The *contributions* from Oregon have been \$642.11—a gain of \$446.32 in one year; and from Washington Territory \$176.65—a total of \$818.76 from both.

Eight local missionaries—five in Oregon and three in Washington, besides Dr. Atkinson, making *nine* in all, were in commission, supplying six churches and three stations in Oregon; with five churches and three stations in Washington—a total of seventeen congregations.

The set time to favor this distant part of the nation does not yet seem to come. The statistics of the work furnished by the brethren on the field are comparatively few and meager. The extension of the period for building the Northern Pacific Railway will encourage the people of that coast, and no doubt induce more immigration. As yet it is a day of small things. The remoteness of that region from most of the country, and that sense of distance, if not isolation, from the stirring centers of the nation

which is found to oppress many who go there, making them desire to return, will be removed at no distant day. Meantime, the noble band of faithful men who cling to their posts and bear the toil for Christ's sake, are laying strong foundations for permanence. They need more men of like patience and courage and self-denial to share their trials and their work. The Society hopes, as it deeply desires, to strengthen the things that remain there this coming year. May God and his people furnish the means!

CONCLUSION.

On this cursory review of the year the Committee are penetrated with profound thankfulness to that God in whose interest and under whose constant direction they have sought to administer this great trust. He has, indeed, never left himself without witness amidst the affairs and in the developing history of this Society. But he seems to the Committee to have been peculiarly manifest and gracious during the unusually trying exigencies of the year just brought to its close. Of the members of the Committee, the officers of the Society, and its missionaries, it may be said: "He hath strengthened their hands and encouraged their hearts." The business of the country has been demoralized and prostrate, more than in any other recent year. Property and incomes have been rapidly and painfully shrinking in every quarter. Additional suspense and grave apprehensions, arising from public legislation and political uncertainties, have augmented the general discouragement. A spirit of complaint and recrimination, at once the child and the nurse of such wide-spread depression, has also been at work, creating and spreading distrust in respect to men and institutions. At times the very foundations have seemed to be out of course. This Society began the year under heavy obligations to its missionaries, and with no money in its treasury. The summer's financial drought set in worse than usual. Receipts from legacies fell much below those of preceding years. Unusual appeals and efforts were made in behalf of other societies to relieve them from oppressive debts, which, for the time, made large drafts on the funds still available for missionary contributions. Under these circumstances the obligations with which this Society began the year, continually augmented by the influx of those maturing daily, began to roll up, and at length solidified into an oppressive and persistent debt of \$35,000, which seriously threatened to paralyze the work. Scores of missionaries—honored and beloved brethren laboring amidst frontier communities, themselves distressingly impoverished and unable to furnish their pastors with sufficiency of daily bread—reported their extremity. Autumn deepened into winter, bringing only partial relief. The heavy burden yet remained. The Committee seemed shut up to the necessity of retrenching the work of the Society; not only to decline entering new fields, but to enter on the painful course of cutting off many even of the most destitute on its hands.

But thus far this "strange work" has been measurably averted. The Spirit of God moved the Sunday-schools to bring special gifts to the amount of about \$12,000; many churches and devoted friends also gave gifts in special service, amounting to \$12,000, to meet the necessity of the hour; the officers of the Society at New York not unwillingly contributed, resigning a part of their compensation; superintendents on the field pressed the acceptance of a portion of theirs; and not a few of the missionaries on the outermost frontiers, casting their \$10 apiece into the treasury, brought that which, in God's sight, it may be, was of more value than all that which others gave out of their fuller abundance.

And thus the walls of our Zion have been steadily going up even in these troublous times. The work has *not* gone backward. God himself has been our very present help. By his grace, the counsels of the Committee, as well as its action, have been characterized throughout by the same spirit of harmony and determination upon the one great object of the Society, which has always given union and strength. By that same grace the laborers on the field have been so plenteously endued with power from on high that the number of stations occupied, churches and Sunday-schools organized and nurtured, missionary services rendered, "converts" multiplied, and "members" gathered in, have rarely been exceeded in any year. And by that same grace in the hearts of the supporters of the Society, the *contributions of the living* to sustain and carry forward the work have, in the end, been larger by more than \$9,200 than those of the year before.

The outlook for the coming year—it is not so clear and bright as the Committee could wish to report; but it is not so dark as many have feared it might be. In presence of so many signs of improvement, both in the business and the spirit of the country; with so many cheering private and public tokens before us of confidence in the work, and place, and principles of the Society; with knowledge that a profound conviction is spreading as to the unspeakable moral value of this land, and, not less, as to its imminent and deadly perils from a newly-reorganized Romanism, from a most subtle skepticism that professes to reverence but really puts scorn upon Christ, the Lord, from an insidious socialistic communism, and a dethronement of law, divine and human together; and, above all, with the sure promises of God, respecting his Son; beneath this work—our faith rises above all discouragement and darkness into that light which shall yet rest on this nation, when THE "RIGHTEOUSNESS THEREOF SHALL GO FORTH AS BRIGHTNESS, AND THE SALVATION THEREOF AS A LAMP THAT BURNETH."

In behalf of the Executive Committee:

DAVID B. COE,

HENRY M. STORRS,

Secretaries for Correspondence.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts during the year ending March 31, 1878.

From Auxiliaries, Congregations and other sources.....	\$209,590 19
From Legacies.....	71,958 29
For the Sunday-School Department.....	2,937 96
Total amount of Receipts.....	\$284,486 44
Balance from last year's account.....	94 62
	\$284,581 06
Additional Receipts: from Ladies' Societies and Individuals (money, family supplies, books, etc. See page 53).....	
	\$60,000

Expenditures during the year ending March 31, 1878.

Paid on commissions of local Missionaries,* exclusive of Payments from the Treasuries of Auxiliaries.....	\$145,466 19
Salaries and traveling and incidental expenses of Superintendents and General Missionaries for New York, Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Indiana, Northern Illinois, Southern Illinois, Missouri, Southern and Eastern Michigan, Northwestern Michigan, Northern Wisconsin, Southern Wisconsin, Northern Iowa, Southern Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, Dakota, Colorado, Oregon and Washington.....	31,545 64
Expended by Auxiliaries †—viz.: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Ohio, within their respective States.....	79,385 56
Paper, printing, and distribution of "The Home Missionary" [20,000 copies], including copies due, without charge, to Auxiliaries, Life Directors and Members, Missionaries, and Contributors.....	5,659 72
Annual Report and Sermon, Commissions, Drafts, Certificates, Circulars, Notices, Blanks, and distribution of donated publications.....	1,025 76
Salaries and traveling expenses of Secretaries and Treasurer, editorial services, and hire of Clerks in the several departments of Correspondence, Treasury and Publication.....	15,422 73
Stationery, Books and Maps.....	145 12

* For the amount pledged in support of each missionary, and other particulars, see tabular statement commencing on page 13, column 5.

† For a summary of their receipts and expenditures, see the notices of these Societies as referred to in the Table of Contents; for the amount appropriated in support of each Missionary, see the tabular statement commencing on page 13; for further particulars, reference will be had to the published reports of the Societies.

Postage, Telegrams and Revenue Stamps.....	\$579 71
Freight, cartage, boxes, wrapping paper and twine.....	69 93
Binding "The Home Missionary," Reports and other Documents.	13 50
Rent and care of Rooms, heating, gas and furniture.....	2,079 82
Anniversary expenses.....	91 37
Legal counsel and expenses in collecting legacies	1,222 90
Discount and loss on uncurrent money.....	11 98
Refunded, paid into the Treasury by mistake of donors.....	157 47
Grants and expenses in the Sunday-School Department.....	3,643 31
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Total amount of expenditures.....	\$284,540 71
Balance to new account, toward meeting appropriations	
already made (amounting to \$76,028 60).....	40 35
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	\$284,581 06
Additional cash and supplies, distributed by direction	
of donors (see page 53).....	\$60,000

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the American Home Missionary Society, and find the same correct and properly vouched, and that there is in his hands a balance of forty dollars and thirty-five cents (\$40.35).

GEORGE S. COE, *Auditor.*

NEW YORK, *May 3d*, 1878.

APPENDIX.

Names of Missionaries in each State and Territory.

For the Year commencing April 1st, 1877, and ending March 31st, 1878.

For their Stations and other particulars, see the alphabetical list in the General Tables.

Maine.	Norcross, F. V.	Bugbey, W. S.	Vermont.
Arnold, H. T.	Norris, T. F.	Carr, W. O.	Abbott, E. F.
Bean, E.	Osgood, H. H.	Chandler, F. D.	Armstrong, E. P.
Beard, G. W.	Osgood, R. D.	Chapin, G. F.	Baker, O. G.
Blanchard, A.	Peacock, R., Jr.	Chapman, J.	Barton, A. S.
Brownville, J. W.	Pearson, S. W.	Childs, A. C.	Bates, J. A.
Bulfinch, J. J.	Perry, C. A.	Coan, L. S.	Carpenter, P. H.
Burnaby, S. A.	Plumer, A. R.	Cobleigh, N. F.	Chapin, S. W.
Burnham, C. G.	Pratt, J. L.	Coggswell, E. C.	Clark, C. W.
Chapin, G. E.	Redlon, A.	Colburn, H. H.	Cobleigh, N. F.
Chapman, H. W.	Richards, J. S.	Cook, J. B.	Cowan, J.
Closson, J. T.	Schwarzauer, C. M.	Eastman, E. P.	Christy, A. B.
Copping, B.	Sewell, W. S.	Ely, W. B.	Cross, R. S.
Crowell, Z.	Shoppe, W. G.	Ernst, F. W.	Cummings, H.
Davis, D. L.	Sinnett, C. N.	Findley, T. M.	Dealtry, C. W.
Davison, C.	Skinner, E.	Gay, J. S.	Duren, C.
Denley, W.	Small, U. W.	Gay, W. M.	Emmons, A. B.
Edwards, J.	Smith, E. N.	Grant, B. F.	Ferrin, C. E.
Elliott, J.	Stinchfield, J. P.	Hadley, W. A.	Field, A. C.
Emrich, F. F.	Stone, H. J.	Haley, J. W.	Flint, J. R.
Evans, J. B.	Taintor, C. H.	Hall, A. E.	Gates, M. A.
Fessenden, S. C.	Tenney, L. B.	Harlow, L.	Gerry, E.
Freeman, J.	Thayer, H. O.	Hibbard, D. S.	Hague, W. B.
Goodale, D. W.	Thayer, P. B.	Houghton, C. E.	Hardy, V. M.
Goodrich, L.	Thomas, L. J.	Jackson, W. C.	Harrington, J. L.
Gordan, G. A.	Thompson, A. H.	Larry, J. H.	Hatch, E. W.
Hart, H. B.	Thompson, W. S.	Leavitt, J. H.	Hay, J.
Hawes, J. T.	Tingley, E. S.	Le Bosquet, J.	Hazen, A.
Howes, H. R.	Trowbridge, J. P.	Litch, J. L.	Herrick, H.
Hutchinson, H. H.	Tyler, A. H.	Lougee, S. F.	Herrick, W. T.
Jones, A. N.	Valentine, F. A.	Michael, G.	Hicks, R.
Jordan, E. S.	Vassar, J.	Moody, H.	Holbrook, A.
Kelley, G. W.	Vincent, S. L.	Palmer, A. B.	Janes, F.
Kellogg, J. A.	Wathen, C. B.	Parker, F.	Kent, C. H.
Kemp, G. S.	Wickett, R.	Pierce, G. J.	Ladd, A.
Kinney, T.	Williams, T. P.	Rand, W. A.	Lyon, A. B.
Lincoln, N.	Wiswall, A.	Richardson, G. B.	McCormell, J. C.
Lockwood, G. A.	Wiswall, L.	Rodgers, G.	Martin, S.
Lord, T. N.		Scott, D. B.	Mears, L. D.
Loring, A.		Smith, G.	Metcalf, R. D.
McGown, R. H.		Stone, E. P.	Miller, R. D.
McGregor, J.		Tappan, C. L.	Myrick, O.
Mead, M. H.		Thurston, H. W. L.	Olmsted, F. W.
Merrill, W. A.		Tomblin, C. L.	Osgood, G. W.
Mitchell, T. G.		Wright, G. F.	
	New Hampshire.		
	Alden, E. J.		
	Beckwith, G. A.		
	Benedict, A. J.		
	Bowker, S.		

Patten, M.
Perkins, G. A.
Perkins, S. K. B.
Pitkin, P. H.
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RELATIONS OF AUXILIARIES, ECCLESIASTICAL BODIES, ETC.

Auxiliaries.

MOST of the State Missionary Societies were in existence before the formation of the National Society, and some of them were among the earliest organized efforts in our country for sending the gospel to the destitute. They have voluntarily connected themselves as Auxiliaries with the American Home Missionary Society, from a conviction that greater unity of plan and efficiency in action would thereby be promoted.

The terms by which such Auxiliaries—acting on the principles of the Parent Society, undertaking the supply of the destitute within their own bounds, and paying over their surplus funds to the Parent Institution—are connected with the Parent Society, are such as to secure the following objects, viz. :

First—The Auxiliary is not superseded or overshadowed by the National Institution, but, on the contrary, is invigorated and sustained by connection with it.

This is secured by the provision that the Auxiliary is the sole agency for this cause that operates on its field. It controls all appointments in the State to which it belongs. From it alone, so far as its means will allow, the feeble churches receive assistance. Thus a direct relation and strong attachment are cherished toward it, in the hearts of the ministers and churches.

Again—While the local operations of the Auxiliary are thus encouraged and sustained, its connection with the Parent Society is such as to awaken an interest in the destitute beyond its own limits, and afford facilities for reaching them. It is not only a Society for local purposes, but it also is a *branch* of the National Society, and, as such, has the control of all agencies for the collection of funds within its own field, and can direct the manner in which its surplus resources shall be expended beyond its own limits. Thus, the Auxiliaries are not merely organizations to *help* the Parent Society; they are *integral parts* of it, bound together in one whole by a common interest in and free access, through the Parent Society, to the great field to be occupied, and governed by the same general principles and rules in carrying on the work.

Those State Missionary Societies which have not yet assumed an Auxiliary relation to the National Society, co-operate with it on the same principles which apply to ecclesiastical bodies, acting through Committees of Missions.

Committees of Missions, etc.

The American Home Missionary Society has ever regarded the ecclesiastical bodies as the appropriate judges of the standing of their own ministers, and of the wants of the churches in their connection. Accordingly, the commission issued to each missionary requires that his commission be acceptable to the ministerial body of his denomination, within whose bounds he is appointed to labor. The various ecclesiastical bodies in those States where Missionary Societies do not exist, are invited to appoint each a *Committee of Missions* from its own members, to receive applications from its churches, and suggest to the Society the action proper in each case. Such a Committee constitutes

the official source to which reference can be had for information and advice, in all matters pertaining to missions in the connection to which it belongs. This mode of co-operation has been preferred by numerous ecclesiastical bodies, from the first formation of the Society. It guarantees to the churches, that their respective claims shall be fairly considered, with all the advantage of having the indorsement of the body to which they belong. The advice of such a Committee, acting in the name and by the direction of the ecclesiastical body to which they belong, is regarded as the highest authority in matters pertaining to the standing of ministers and churches in their connection, and has the same influence with the Society, as would that of a Board of Agency appointed by itself.

There is one limitation to this influence, however, which ought to be stated. Should any ecclesiastical body so far swerve from the principles of truth and gospel order, as not to retain the fellowship and confidence of the great body of the churches co-operating in the Society, that fact would cause its recommendations not to be respected, as a basis of action by the Executive Committee.

As cases may occur in which feeble churches may not be aware of the existence of any Committee of Missions or State Missionary Society, through which to apply for aid, a general provision is made, that an application may be vouched for by any two ministers, of known and approved standing, of their own denomination, who can certify to the facts of the case. If the information thus given is not sufficient, other facts are sought by the Executive Committee, with as little delay as practicable, from the most authentic sources from which they can be obtained.

Such, briefly, are the relations of the American Home Missionary Society to the various organs through which the community seeks to act out its missionary feeling. It will be seen that this plan secures the united action, in the missionary work, of those whose views of doctrine and church order admit of co-operation, and whose interests in the great field are essentially the same. This combination insures a homogeneous policy as to the manner and amount of appropriations and the qualifications of missionaries; it has discouraged sectional feelings, and diffused throughout each part an interest in all the rest; and has thus formed ties between the West and the East, along which has passed from the latter to the former a silent and invisible current of moral influences more valuable, if possible, than all pecuniary grants. At the same time the connection of the Parent Society with the various associations that act with it is such as to secure to them entire freedom in the missionary work, in their respective spheres, and an influence beyond them, in cultivating the waste places of our common country.

Superintendents.

Besides preaching to the destitute and taking up contributions for Home Missions, the *Superintendents* of the American Home Missionary Society exercise a general supervision of the operations of the Society within their respective fields. By correspondence and personal visitation they ascertain the wants of the destitute; assist them to obtain the preaching of the gospel; and instruct and encourage them to develop their own means for its support. They receive applications for aid, and make such preliminary examination as may be necessary before submitting them for the action of the Executive Committee; and in other ways labor to insure a judicious and economical application of the Society's funds. The Society has in its employ no merely *collecting Agents*, nor any whose services are not required for other purposes in the region where they labor.

Applications for Aid.

Congregations desiring aid should apply *at once* after finding a minister. They should make a full statement of the facts in their condition and pros-

pects which justify an application. They should also give these particulars, viz. :—

Population of the place.
 Names of the church or churches, and preaching stations.
 Number of communicants.
 Average number of attendants on public worship.
 Denomination and size of contiguous congregations.
 Names and distances of the nearest Congregational churches.
 Minister's full name and post-office address: Town, County, State.
 Whether he resides on his field of labor.
 Whether he has any other calling than that of the ministry.
 Whether he is now, or is expected to become the pastor of the church. }
 What his credentials are.
 The number of persons composing his family.
 Total amount of salary proposed.
 Amount pledged by the people, and how secured.
 Whether the minister has, also, the use of a parsonage.
 Whether aid is expected from any other source.
 The least amount that will suffice from this Society.
 The amount received from this Society last year.
 Whether a less amount will probably be needed next year.
 Amount contributed to this Society last year.
 Date of the desired commission.

The application must be signed by the officers of the church, where there is one, and by the trustees or a committee of the congregation.

If the ecclesiastical body, within whose limits the congregation is situated, has a "Committee of Missions," the members of that committee should certify these statements, the standing of the minister, his prospects of usefulness there, and indorse the application. If no such "Committee of Missions" exists, the application should be indorsed by two or more neighboring clergymen, acquainted with the facts. If no church or congregation is yet gathered, applicants will follow the same course, as far as practicable.

Applications, after being so indorsed, should be sent to the Superintendent (or Secretary of the Auxiliary) for the region where the applicants reside.

Appropriations, as a rule, bear the date of a *punctual* application; and they never cover more than one year. If further aid be needed, a new application is required, containing all the particulars named above, and indorsed as before. *To this the certificate of the missionary, that the congregation has fulfilled its previous pledges; for its support must be added.* The address of the Society's Superintendents and the Secretaries of its Auxiliaries will be found on the cover of its *Reports* and of *The Home Missionary*.

SERMON.

WHEN THE LORD TURNED AGAIN THE CAPTIVITY OF ZION, WE WERE LIKE THEM THAT DREAM. THEN WAS OUR MOUTH FILLED WITH LAUGHTER, AND OUR TONGUE WITH SINGING: THEN SAID THEY AMONG THE HEATHEN, THE LORD HATH DONE GREAT THINGS FOR THEM. THE LORD HATH DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US; WHEREOF WE ARE GLAD. TURN AGAIN OUR CAPTIVITY, O LORD, AS THE STREAMS OF THE SOUTH. THEY THAT SOW IN TEARS SHALL REAP IN JOY. HE THAT GOETH FORTH AND WEEPETH, BEARING PRECIOUS SEED, SHALL DOUBTLESS COME AGAIN WITH REJOICING, BRINGING HIS SHEAVES WITH HIM.—*Psalms* CXXVI.

THIS is one of fifteen successive psalms entitled "Songs of degrees." Just what the title means is an unsettled question. Some would render it "step-psalms," on the supposition that they were sung by Levites at the Feast of Tabernacles as they went up the fifteen steps in the Temple, from the Court of the Women to the Court of Israel. Some suppose it to denote a certain "step-rhythm" in their poetical structure. Others substitute the term "Pilgrim songs," thinking that they were sung on the journey up to Jerusalem, either by the captives on their homeward way from Babylon, or by the tribes of Israel as they moved in caravans to attend the great annual festivals in the Holy City.

But no one of these explanations either fits all of the series, or is fully confirmed by facts. May we not then venture another guess? The root of the Hebrew word and the characteristic strain of every one of the group warrant us in calling them "*Songs of uprising thought.*" Each has its peculiar line of thought and tone of sentiment, set to a major or a minor key corresponding; but a *trusting, hopeful, uplook towards God*, as the strength and deliverer of them who turn to him in fear or trouble, pervades them all. So, down through the ages, these sweet, sacred, uplifting lyrics have brought comfort and support to the saints of God in their times of depression and need.

Such is peculiarly the significance of the psalm before us. Let us try to catch its cheering strain. In strict rendering, according to the forms of Hebrew poetry, it stands thus:

When Jehovah turned himself to the turning of Zion,
We were like men in a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing.
Then said they among the nations,
Jehovah has done great things for them.
Jehovah has done great things for us;
We are joyful.

Turn back, O Jehovah, to our captivity,
 Like the torrents in the south.
 Those that sow with weeping,
 With singing shall reap.
 He may go forth—he may go forth with weeping,
 Bearing the load of seed ;
 He shall come—he shall come with singing,
 Bringing his sheaves.

Thus the pious soul in trouble rallies faith and courage by a cheering remembrance of past deliverances ; by fervent prayer for God's interposition in a present emergency ; by a hearty acceptance of the duty of the hour, and by kindling fresh hope in the sure promise of God.

Christian brethren : our cherished Home Missionary enterprise has come into straits. We come to this anniversary with spirits troubled and anxious. From east to west, and all along the line between, a cry of distress is raised. The good ship has fallen into a place where two seas meet, and is in peril. Yet surely God does not mean that we shall "run her aground." We may not stop carefully to inquire by whose fault, if anybody's, she has come to this crisis. The case demands rather that we rally faith and courage and join hands to set her anew on her legitimate course—all sails spread for a career of grander achievement than ever, as God shall work with and for us.

Let us try, then, to gather encouragement, guidance, and inspiration respecting this Christian enterprise, by a few thoughts run out on the four lines suggested by this psalm.

1. There are precious things in the past, the remembrance of which may make us joyful here to-night. Just eighty years ago, under the same impulses which prompted a like movement in this city one year earlier, the Missionary Society of Connecticut started forth, "the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." The time and occasion of that enterprise are significant. The period from the close of our Revolutionary war to the end of the last century was much like that through which we are now passing. That war which gave political life to our nation was, like all other wars, corrupting and adverse to the religious life of the people. With our French allies, French infidelity had come in and led many, especially of our public men, to reject Christianity. Its influence was also apparent, corrupting the morals of society. Under these influences the churches languished ; their light grew dim ; they seemed powerless to resist the prevalent unbelief and iniquity. Then the few faithful ones in our Zion turned to God with earnest cries for help, and Jehovah turned himself to their turning. The Holy Spirit of God came down upon the churches with a wonderful reviving power. In the old *Evangelical Magazine* you may read the story, and see how like men in a dream were they who witnessed the marvelous operations of divine grace—how their mouths were filled with laughter and their tongues with singing at the great things which Jehovah did for them.

That baptism of the Holy Ghost developed the distinctive spirit of modern Home Missions. *It came of a renewed faith in the grand doctrines of Christ's gospel. In essence it was a quick sympathy with the compassion of Christ for men under the power of sin, exposed to everlasting misery. It prompted at once a participation in the self-sacri-*

ficing sufferings of Christ for the salvation of the lost. It blended a holy patriotism—a far-sighted love of country—with devotion to Christ and his work of redemption.

So inspired, men of faith and zeal and heroic endurance, like Jedediah Bushnell, and Seth Williston, and Joseph Badger, and David Bacon, willingly offered themselves, and the churches sent them forth. They encountered many trials; in weeping they sowed the seed, but the wilderness and the solitary places were glad; for their coming brought salvation. The wilderness into which they went was in the valleys of the Green Mountain State, in the pine woods that skirted the swift-flowing rivers of Maine, amid the dense forests of Central New York and Northern Pennsylvania, away in the New Connecticut which emigration from the old was establishing on the soil of Northern Ohio, and for the wild Indian tribes on the banks of the Miami, in the outskirts of Detroit, and on the Island of Mackinac, the "ultima thule" of our country. The fruit of that early sowing has been unfolding ever since. That work of faith and self-denial took hold on the forming life of those young States, and gave abiding cast to the character of their people.

A little later, under the same divine influences, the missionary spirit of the churches was turned towards the heathen world, and, in 1810, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was formed. By this action, zeal for the home work was only intensified. "*The salvation of our country for the salvation of the world*" became the rallying cry. Then, as if to blend these two departments of Christian enterprise and forever forbid all jealousy between them, it was providentially ordered that Samuel J. Mills, whose voice first proposed to send the gospel from this country to heathen lands, did his first missionary work as an explorer of the wastes of his native country. He left the impress of his devoted love for human souls all along the line of two extended journeys, by which he opened the way for the entrance of the gospel into Western Pennsylvania, Southern Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, and the newly-acquired French papal cities, St. Louis and New Orleans.

The war of 1812 interposed a temporary check; but the second decade of the century closed with a fresh baptism of the churches into the love of Christ, which prompted enlargement of missionary enterprises for both the heathen abroad and the destitute at home. For the home work, however, experience called for some change of methods. Accordingly, in 1826, this American Home Missionary Society was instituted, designed as a national society to merge into one, or to combine in harmonious co-operation, a number of independent organizations previously existing. Also, instead of the desultory work of wandering missionaries, the policy was adopted of forming permanent centers of Christian influence, by aiding feeble churches to support resident pastors. At the time of its organization, of the one hundred and thirty missionaries already in the field, whose care it assumed, one hundred were in the State of New York and only sixteen in all of the Western States and Territories.

This Society was formed and equipped for efficient action, however, just in time for that wonderful growth of the nation consequent on the influx of emigration from the older States and from foreign countries

into the great North-west. The fire of Christian devotion was at the same time kindled anew to seize the opportunity, by the precious work of converting grace, wrought especially upon the earlier Home Missionary field of Central and Western New York. Then they who had long sowed with weeping, came with singing, bringing in their sheaves. In those extensive and powerful revivals which attended the preaching of Mr. Finney and his co-laborers, the Holy Ghost sealed and consummated the patient, self-sacrificing labors of previous years. Out of them came the timely addition of many valiant soldiers to the Lord's host, as it moved on for conquest in the regions beyond.

Since 1830, in the upper Mississippi Valley, and within the same lines of latitude, right on westward, over the Rocky Mountains, across the Sierra Nevada, all the forces of modern civilization have combined to hasten on the subjection of nature, to transform the wilderness into fruitful fields, to establish magnificent cities, and to found imperial States, teeming with millions of human population and ringing everywhere with the din of human industry rapidly producing wealth. The outside world looks in astonishment on the growth of our country within these fifty years. To us who have been most closely identified with the swift progress of these changes, they are altogether dreamlike. Out of the movement have come powerful influences to modify the character of the nation and to determine its destiny. The Christian patriot asks with solicitude: In what proportion have Christian influences come in to guide the mighty forces of this young, strong life and to qualify the corrupting effect of unsanctified prosperity? I stand here to testify that, by God's blessing on the work of this and other kindred societies, the civilization of those new States, and their character as they become component parts of the nation, are largely charged with Christian elements. To sustain the testimony, I can only point to a few significant facts.

On many a spot but a little time ago covered with wild woods, sprinkled all over the broad prairies, set down by the streams or out on open plains, nestled in the valleys, perched on the mountains, stand to-day Christian churches—points of light within sight of each other almost all the way across the continent. Hundreds of them, nursed in their feebleness by this Society, have grown not only to independent self-support, but to be large contributors of men and money for the extension of this work. By the steady influence of these churches, a Christian public sentiment has been formed in those young States. Still as the dawn of morning, yet with a power to touch the springs of human society with that life which is the light of men, this influence has spread almost unobserved. But ever and anon political crises have come and revealed the effect. Wicked men acknowledged that the preaching of her early missionaries saved Illinois from coming under the curse of slavery. By the ripening of this Christian public sentiment, Wisconsin was, in due time, delivered from the rule of unprincipled demagogues, known in current phrases as the "The Forty Thieves." What a heroic struggle was that when the Christian soul of Kansas stood almost alone against the concentrated force of our national government in its perversion, and won the battle for liberty and human rights! This, too, was a prime element in those committees of vigilance which revolutionized California, and established the rule of justice and order in place of vio-

lence and anarchy. And when the great crisis came, and the very existence of the nation was imperilled, what but these Christian influences brought the whole cordon of those States in the West to stand in line, heart to heart, and shoulder to shoulder, with the sister States of the East, one North, united in unquestioning self-sacrifice and devotion to resist rebellion in the South and save the republic?

To secure and make abiding these results in all of those young States, colleges have been founded. They are the natural outgrowth of Home Missions. They stand as fortresses to maintain the ascendancy of the truth. In them recruits are trained for service on the field. They are living fountains in which science and religion—kindred elements—are blended according to their natural affinity, to pour forth into the forming civilization healthful streams of intelligence and refined culture. On those who went out, charged to take possession of the country in the name of the Lord, there was laid a necessity to provide for Christian education. In the early New England colonies, Church and State could work well together in establishing colleges; but to-day that is impossible, even in New England. Here and now, the problem of securing for Christianity its due recognition in the appliances for public education is thrusting itself upon the public attention for readjustment. It is a problem full of difficulties, and as full of importance in its bearing on the nation's life and destiny.

Those who go as pioneers of the Gospel into the new territories meet that problem in the very outset. The tendency there is fixed and strong to eliminate all positive religion from the system of education provided by the State. That tendency can be counteracted only by planting institutions for high intellectual culture with Christianity as their central force. Your missionaries quickly perceive this, and instinctively act on the strong conviction. You say they start too many colleges and too soon. Perhaps some such mistakes have occurred. But, when you say this, do you remember that each of those States embraces territory enough for an empire? do you remember that these men are sent out to sow and plant—not for this year's harvest only, nor for the few whom they find on the ground, but for centuries and generations to come? I do not count myself an old man yet, but in Wisconsin—the State of my adoption, into which I went as I came to mature age—I have lived to see the population grow from 40,000 to 1,250,000 souls.

Our friends of the State Universities are wont to speak slightly of these colleges as small and weak. It is indeed the day of small things with them. The struggle to sustain them costs some agony of spirit. But they who went forth weeping, come—yes, they do come, even now—with singing, bringing sheaves. May I set out some of these sheaves before you to-night? A little more than thirty years ago, the missionaries and churches of Northern Illinois and Wisconsin gathered in council so see what could be done for higher education in that region. With humble trust in God, it was decided to establish two sister institutions—Beloit College for young men, and Rockford Seminary for young women. And now we count six thousand youths who have had more or less of broad Christian culture in those two institutions. The College has brought forward for the Christian ministry one hundred and twenty-seven young men, most of whom had a full

collegiate education. These have already done work equivalent to a thousand years of ministerial service, touching five hundred different fields of labor. Most of those fields are on Home Missionary ground, but not all. Fifty of them are in New England. They are scattered in twenty-nine States and Territories of our country, in Canada, in England, in European Turkey, in Asiatic Turkey, in India, in China, in Japan, in the Sandwich Islands. The classes of our theological seminaries and the ranks of our foreign missionaries are to-day recruited from those small, struggling Western colleges in far greater proportion to the numbers taught than from these older and far stronger colleges at the East.

Turning over the files of this Society's journal, I opened in the number for November, 1842, a singular map, copied from a pamphlet issued about that time, in London and Dublin, "by a Catholic gentleman." The pamphlet set forth a Jesuitical plan for bringing our republic under Papal control, by planting colonies of Irish Catholics in the Western States. On the map, the area over which the scheme was to be carried out is fitly colored green; and that emerald shade rests on the whole Western field of this Society's operations as it then was. The Secretaries, as they brought out the picture and the story, blew a trumpet-call to the Protestant churches of America, to rise and save their own and their children's heritage from the enemy. To-day I place by the side of that map another, just issued as a circular, pleading in behalf of an infant college in "the New West." The physical outlines of the two maps are the same, except that the later one sweeps in the whole area of our country to the Pacific Ocean, the New West with the Old. In the comparison, the most noticeable thing is that in the later map, those portions which, in the earlier were colored green, are studded with little circles indicating the places in which graduates from three theological seminaries and nine colleges in the West, all the outgrowth of Home Missions, have labored in the service of the American Home Missionary Society. The number of these circles is 1,948. To this we are told must be added a third more for towns in which graduates of these institutions have labored under other societies. Then, 15,000 more must be added to indicate common schools taught by the 30,000 students in different departments of these colleges. These simple facts speak for themselves. I dare not say that the fight is over, that the victory is won. But surely God has been and is with us on that field of conflict. Not easily will such an army of occupation, so intrenched, so re-enforced, be driven out.

The crowning, the most precious fruits of our home missionary efforts no man can now count or measure. How many hundreds of homes have been saved from barbarism, and sanctified through the unseen influences of this gospel brought nigh—how many thousands of souls have been by the power of that gospel redeemed and saved—we may not attempt to tell. The manifest signs of such results all around us, but the full record is kept on high. The day will come, however, when it will be opened for us to read in detail. Then, with more than angels' joy—with the joy of our Lord himself, shall our hearts exult and sing for that which God has wrought. A Turkish member of the Turkish parliament, rising in his place, says to the Mohammedan assembly: "Look at America—Why is there prosperity

there?" A heathen visitor from Japan to our country answers the question, when he declares: "Whatever may be its essential truth, I see clearly that *Christianity is the spring of your prosperity.*" So among the nations, men point to us and say: "Jehovah hath done great things for them." When we, who are in and of the movement, see how the material growth of the country—how the intellectual and moral development of the people—how the social and political life of the nation, are, by agencies like that which we here contemplate, pervaded by the presence and power of this gospel, can we fail with glowing enthusiasm to echo the thought, "Jehovah has done great things for us?"

Why, then, oh! why should the work cease? Why should our hearts languish? Why must our song of joy be suddenly turned into the forlorn prayer, "Turn back, O Jehovah, to our captivity, as the torrents in the south." The beauty of the land withers under a present drought. O, for the rains from Heaven to fill the dry water-courses, that the refreshing streams may flow again!

2. We come then, next, to study the present emergency. What are the bonds of this captivity into which our cause has fallen? What are the hindrances which just now embarrass this Society's operations? Some, perhaps, are satisfied to refer all to the world-wide financial stringency. The difficulty is, no doubt, thereby aggravated. But that is more a test than a cause. By it God is putting to the proof our loyalty to him, and our love for country and for fellow-men. When in self-sacrificing devotion we meet such a crisis, and give till we feel it, and keep giving while we feel it, our hearts are all aglow, our work is intensified—the best results are gathered in. Perhaps, if one of the old prophets should rise in this presence, he would turn the tables on us with another "Why?" saying: In your business enterprises, "ye looked for much, and lo, it came to little, and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. *Why?*" saith the Lord of hosts, Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run, every man into his own house. Therefore, the heaven over you is stayed from dew and the earth from her fruit."

By some, the Society's administration is criticised, as if the center of the trouble were at the headquarters, in the Bible-House yonder. Perhaps there are things to be corrected there. To err is human, and the Committee and Secretaries may have made mistakes. It is fit that in another place these things should be carefully considered. But I may be allowed here to say that for thirty-five years, from my position at the front, in closest proximity to its operations and their outcome, I have watched the administration of this Society; and I believe that, for wisdom, economy, and effectiveness, its management will compare favorably with that of any other agency of Christian benevolence; far surpassing what we generally see in the conduct of great business enterprises. I allude to this point, however, only to utter a warning against permitting the nice criticism of minor matters to withdraw attention from the radical cause of present embarrassment which lies below the surface, back of all the machinery.

It is said, again, the chief trouble is that by the enlargement of the field, by the new and varied circumstances of many parts of that field

by the necessary expansion and complication of agencies, the work has outgrown some features of the old policy; some new adjustments, some new constructions are demanded to meet conditions, which in the beginning, could not be foreseen or provided for. I believe there is some ground for these views; and I trust that the best wisdom we have among us will be concentrated on the problems which come up now, as like problems did fifty years ago, to be solved for years to come. But, dear fathers and brethren, the great difficulty lies not in our policies or methods, and our true relief is not to be found in changes of that sort.

Now, to state the matter positively, as I apprehend the case, the bands of our captivity are two, *Unbelief* and *Worldliness*—the *spirit of Skepticism* and the *spirit of Self-indulgence*. These bind the religious life of the churches and cramp their Christian beneficence and activity.

We are passing through one of those periods of unbelief and defection which have recurred again and again in the history of Christianity from the beginning. The atmosphere which our souls breathe is charged with a choke-damp of doubt. It comes from reason twisted into rationalism; from science perverted into materialism; from conceits of men who think themselves wise above what is written; from reckless trifling with God's Word by some who profess to acknowledge its authority; from the blatant scorn and blasphemy of some who hate God and his holy Word and his holy Son. It is not confined to Boston, nor to New England. It is spread over the length and breadth of our land. It thrusts itself upon us in our morning newspaper. It runs like a subtle poison through our literary magazines. It has full sway on the lecture platform. It is disseminated from so-called orthodox pulpits not a few.

Religious skepticism affects all classes of people, but in different ways. Among our statesmen and lawyers and doctors and popular authors and prosperous business men, it is a fashionable epidemic. Among those who live by their daily wages, it is a devouring cancer, but fearfully contagious. It eats out conscience and confidence and genial good-will, and genders the gangrene of jealousy and dark brooding revenge for wrongs not altogether fanciful. It has a special fascination for young men at the stage of sophomore development. A teacher of the deaf lately told me of one of her pupils, who, to parry the point of some religious instruction, said with a complacent, self-satisfied air, "I think I am considerably skeptical." It gets hold of ministers, and subjects honest and faithful souls to fearful inward conflicts. So one says: "Such great black clouds of doubt as have at times filled all my sky; such bitter questioning of revealed truth; and withal, such a hunger for the truth, the absolute facts of creation, the solution clear and full of all those mighty problems of faith and science; such weariness of mind and unrest of soul as I have felt in all these matters, is utterly indescribable." Some are carried safely through the crisis, and come out saying, as does he just quoted, "Of late the spirit of doubt seems to have become exhausted or exorcised. The whole mental and spiritual being seems to be firmly settling down upon those great truths which have been *bed-rock* so many ages. Faith is in the ascendant. On the whole I am resting on the shoulder of the great

Christ. He knows, he is true, he is the truth." Such agony, brought to such an issue, makes the man stronger and wiser for his work.

But, alas! for some, doubt has a delusive charm, and, for the sake of novelty and sensation, they love to utter it; misled and misleading, they follow the witching siren till, with themselves and not a few of their hearers, faith is wrecked beyond recovery. There is also a popular taste for erratic preaching, and here and there men of genius are carried away by the temptation, so as, without openly denying the truth, to be continually undermining its foundations and unsettling simple souls. Under these influences, how many baptized children persistently stand aloof and refuse to confirm for themselves the vows of parental faith! With what sadness and perplexity does many an earnest pastor study to counteract a tendency to skepticism among his people, the presence of which he feels in all his bones.

That spirit of self-indulgence, which I named as the other band of our captivity, is but the natural counterpart of the skeptical spirit, with a waning faith in the eternal verities of this glorious gospel—these powers of the world to come which are elements of eternal life in individual souls, and the stimulus of all united Christian activity in the churches—when faith in these things wanes, the charms and subtle blandishments of this present world come into undue ascendancy and rule the life of Christian people before they are aware. As signs of this tendency, how can we fail to notice the style of home-living growing more and more luxurious and costly; the changed usages of social intercourse, which almost obliterate the distinction between those who are of Christ's flock and those who are not; a decline of sterling integrity in business; great frauds practiced for years under cover of fair Christian professions; great extravagance and consequent great debts for stately church edifices and showy church services? I speak of things not here in this part of the country alone; in all this luxury and display, the West outvies the East. These indulgences absorb the means and weaken the disposition for the free exercise of Christian beneficence. Must we not refer to this cause the fact, made evident on all sides, that the sum of contributions to the Lord's treasury has not of late years been increased at all in proportion to either the increased membership of the churches, or to the growth of our country and its population and the increased demand and opportunity for Christian activity everywhere?

I need not speak longer in this sad strain of complaint. I stand here, not as a prophet of evil, to magnify the former times and denounce the present, but rather to gather from the past courage and cheer that we make the days to come better than those that are gone. Studying the present emergency, apprehending its embarrassments, let us—not desponding, but believing and hopeful—look up to the hills from whence cometh our help. Let us take up the earnest petition of our psalm and fervently pray, "Turn back, O Jehovah, to our captivity!" In the turning of Jehovah to the turning of his people, a new impulse will be given to this blessed work of evangelizing our country. That which has been, will be again. The Holy Spirit will come in power to scatter the mists of doubt; to convict the world of sin and righteousness and judgment; to bring out in clearest light the grand truths of this holy Book; to make men own the one living, personal God who reigns

supreme; to press on their consciences the claims of his perfect law; to make plain the alternatives of happiness or misery everlasting, hung on the one probation of this earthly life—to show forth the love of God in his unspeakable gift, his only begotten Son, who was bruised for our iniquities and is the accepted propitiation for our sin—and to give to all who receive him power to become themselves the sons of God.

Then, too, will Christian hearts be drawn into closest fellowship with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. They will drink in the Master's spirit of self-sacrifice. They will be as he was, in the world but not of it, dull to its attractions and pleasures, all alive to its great woes and needs. For the joy beyond, they will cheerfully take up the cross, and become partakers of his sufferings till called to share also in his triumph and glory.

From the days of the apostles until now, such a faith and such a spirit of willing self-sacrifice have been the spring of all missionary zeal and activity. The revival of such whole-souled faith and such whole-souled consecration is the need of the hour. Without it, we labor in vain to tinker our machinery and change our policy of administration. With it, the machinery and administration will, as by instinct, adjust themselves to the great work which opens before us. May God shed upon all our churches the spirit of grace and supplication for this divine power to deepen, as well as to extend these religious revivals, and to ripen all their fruits into *the unreserved consecration of a faith which works by love.*

3. The psalm turns our thoughts upon the duty as well as the needs of the hour. There is a sowing of seed which must go on unceasingly. From this we may not withhold our hands even while we pray. Nay, the prayers and the tears which attend the sowing are most effectual. The seed is the word of Christ's evangel. It is as full of life and power to-day as when it first fell from his lips of grace. The germ of its life is in the precious fact that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." There are human hearts everywhere in our land, and in other lands, which offer mellow soil to receive the good seed. In spite of the resistance of the old Greek philosophy, and of the old Roman sensualism, it found entrance to men's hearts, and through its transforming power changed the phase of the world's ancient civilization. Modern skepticism and worldliness have neither destroyed the vitality of the seed nor frozen up the sensibilities of men to truth and right and their yearnings for a better life and a better world.

No doubt there is occasion for some, as champions of truth, to burnish their weapons and enter the lists to do battle against its assailants by reason and argument. But our main work, that through which the truth vindicates itself most effectually, is to apply it directly to the needs of lost souls. The seed thus sown in love to Christ and dying men is the power of God alike for their salvation and for the country's salvation. It is the only power to be depended on. Let us then have faith in its efficacy and sow it faithfully. The very obstacles in our way are reasons for doubling diligence in this work of sowing. Its germination and development, as a living force in the human soul, most effectually refutes German rationalism, and the materialism which

comes from a false reading of the book of nature. Better than all restrictive legislation is this sowing of God's simple Word to counteract the mischiefs of Chinese immigration and the threatening spread and outbreak of atheistic communism.

I hardly need to say that the great business of this Home Missionary Society is to provide for and sustain this sowing of divine truth over all our great country from Maine to California. The promise, you observe, is to those who go forth *with weeping*, bearing the load of seed. Here, as everywhere else under God's moral rule, it is through pains and suffering that the richest fruitage is gathered. Trying, tearful self-denial is the condition of success. If difficulties and embarrassments shall develop this spirit, they give us the best assurance of hope.

Notwithstanding what was just now said of prevalent unbelief and worldliness, there is still much of this spirit thrown into this our enterprise. The tears of many a poor widow enrich the mite she drops into the treasury, and the unseen Master adds his commendation and his blessing. Many a Christian merchant, with care and pains and sacrifices known only to himself, guards well the Lord's share in the profits of his business, and when there are no profits, draws on his capital or his luxuries to keep the portion good. Often are the consultations of our Executive Committee trying hours, when with tears of sympathy they distribute the scanty funds at their disposal, and brain and heart are taxed to derive ways and means for the enlargement of the work so imperative. Struggling churches and colleges away on the frontier call forth efforts and self-denials from men on the field which are simply heroic. And the silent tears wrung from missionaries and their wives, as they bear up under sacrifices which touch their very life, are gathered in the Lord's bottle and held in sacred remembrance.

No, blessed be God! the self-denial of the Christ is still in exercise among his disciples devoted to this work. It is still, as it was in the beginning, the soul of our enterprise. Oh, that it might spread till it becomes the controlling spirit of all who bear his name! Along the whole line, from Eastern Point to the Golden Horn, let the order pass from this center to-night to every man enrolled. Bear up, faint heart! Toil on, brave soul! The Lord's hand is not shortened. His word shall not return unto him void. Go forth weeping, if it must be—yet go forth bearing the load of seed. The harvest will be sure. Its day is just at hand.

4. For here, in the end, we have the great promise spoken by "the voice which moves the stars along: "

They that sow with weeping,
With singing shall reap.
He may go forth—he may go forth with weeping,
Bearing the load of seed.
He shall come—he shall come with singing,
Bringing his sheaves.

This promise is to all who have borne any part in the self-denying work: to him who gives as the Lord hath blessed him; to them who by counsel and direction administer the trust; to every faithful soul, minister or layman, who, as he moves among his fellow-men, by word of mouth and by the still influence of a holy life, drops the seed along

his path ; especially to those who on the missionary field preach to waiting souls, gather the scattered sheep of Christ's flock and lay foundations of Christian society and abiding Christian institutions.

The promised sheaves are all the products of such moral power, as they appear in the development of material wealth ; in the promotion of social purity and order ; in happy homes established ; in general intelligence diffused ; in the righteousness which exalteth a nation ; above all, in souls redeemed from sin and hell, and set as stars in the Savior's crown.

The time of joy and singing is day by day, as the work goes on and its fruits appear ; in seasons recurring through after years, as the trees that come from this planting drop their continuous fruits ; and finally, in the great day of the Lord's appearing, when he shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied, and every faithful servant who has shared in that travail shall receive a glad welcome to the joy of his Lord.

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STATES AND TERRITORIES.	DATE OF ADMISSION.	AREA, SQ. MILES.	WHITES.	COLORED,*	TOTAL.
Maine,.....	March, 1820, ...	35,000	624,809	2,106	626,915
New Hampshire,...	June, 1788,	9,280	317,697	603	318,300
Vermont,.....	March, 1791,....	10,212	329,613	938	330,551
Massachusetts,...	February, 1788, ..	7,800	1,443,156	14,195	1,457,351
Rhode Island,....	May, 1790,....	1,306	212,219	5,134	217,353
Connecticut,....	January, 1788, ..	4,750	527,549	9,905	537,454
New York,†.....	July, 1788,.....	47,000	4,316,333	58,370	4,374,703
New Jersey,.....	December, 1787, ..	8,320	875,407	30,689	906,096
Pennsylvania,†...	December, 1787, ..	46,000	3,454,880	64,721	3,519,601
Delaware,.....	December, 1787, ..	2,120	102,221	22,794	125,015
Maryland,.....	April, 1788,.....	11,124	605,497	175,397	780,894
Virginia,.....	June, 1788,.....	38,352	712,089	513,074	1,225,163
West Virginia,...	June, 1863,.....	23,000	424,033	17,981	442,014
North Carolina,...	November, 1789, ..	50,704	678,470	392,891	1,071,361
South Carolina,...	May, 1788,.....	34,000	289,667	415,939	705,606
Georgia,.....	January, 1788, ..	58,000	638,926	545,183	1,184,109
Florida,.....	March, 1845,....	59,248	96,057	91,691	187,748
Alabama,.....	December, 1819, ..	50,722	521,384	475,608	996,992
Mississippi,†.....	December, 1817, ..	47,156	386,453	442,187	828,640
Louisiana,.....	April, 1812,....	41,346	362,065	364,850	726,915
Texas,†.....	December, 1845, ..	274,356	558,715	251,503	810,218
Arkansas,†.....	June, 1856,.....	52,198	361,835	122,332	484,167
Tennessee,.....	June, 1796,.....	45,600	936,119	322,401	1,258,520
Kentucky,.....	June, 1792,.....	37,680	1,098,692	222,319	1,321,011
Missouri,.....	August, 1821,....	65,350	1,603,146	118,149	1,721,295
Ohio,†.....	November, 1802, ..	39,964	2,601,837	63,314	2,665,151
Indiana,.....	December, 1816, ..	33,809	1,655,837	24,800	1,680,637
Illinois,.....	December, 1818, ..	55,410	2,511,096	28,795	2,539,891
Michigan,.....	January, 1837, ..	56,451	1,167,282	16,777	1,184,059
Wisconsin,.....	May, 1848,.....	53,924	1,051,351	3,319	1,054,670
Iowa,.....	December, 1846, ..	55,045	1,185,979	5,813	1,191,792
Minnesota,.....	February, 1857, ..	83,531	438,257	1,449	439,706
Kansas,.....	January, 1861, ..	81,318	346,377	18,022	364,399
Nebraska,.....	February, 1867, ..	75,995	122,117	876	122,993
Nevada,.....	October, 1864,....	81,539	38,959	3,532	42,491
California,.....	September, 1850, ..	188,981	499,424	60,823	560,247
Oregon,.....	February, 1859, ..	95,274	86,929	3,994	90,923
Total—States,†	.....	1,961,865	33,182,477	4,912,474	38,094,951
TERRITORIES. ORGANIZED.					
Arizona,.....	February, 1863,...	114,000	9,581	77	9,658
Colorado,.....	March, 1861,....	105,000	39,221	643	39,864
Dakota,.....	March, 1861,....	152,000	12,887	1,294	14,181
Dist. of Columbia,...	July, 1790,.....	60	88,278	43,422	131,700
Idaho,.....	March, 1863,....	96,000	10,618	4,381	14,999
Montana,.....	May, 1864,.....	144,000	18,306	2,289	20,595
New Mexico,....	September, 1850, ..	124,450	90,393	1,481	91,874
Utah,.....	September, 1850, ..	88,000	86,044	742	86,786
Washington,....	March, 1853,....	70,000	22,195	1,760	23,955
Wyoming,.....	February, 1868, ..	68,000	8,726	392	9,118
Indian Territory,...	Unorganized,....	69,000	(Not	enumerated.)	
Alaska,.....	Unorganized,....	580,107	2,254	26,843	29,097
Total—Territories,†.....	.....	1,610,617	388,503	83,324	471,827
Total—U. S. and Territories,†	3,572,482	33,570,980	4,995,798	38,565,778

* Including Indians and Chinese.

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